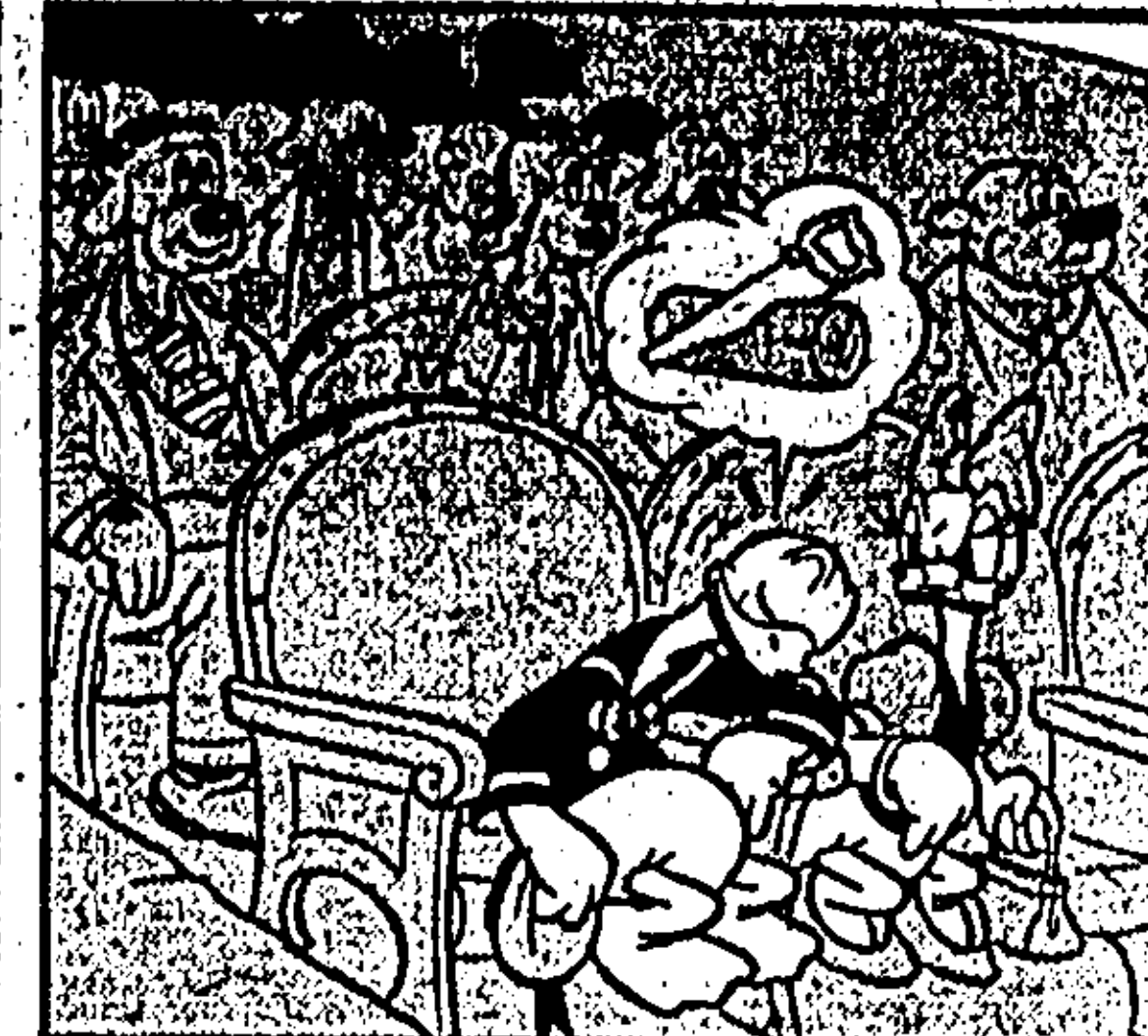
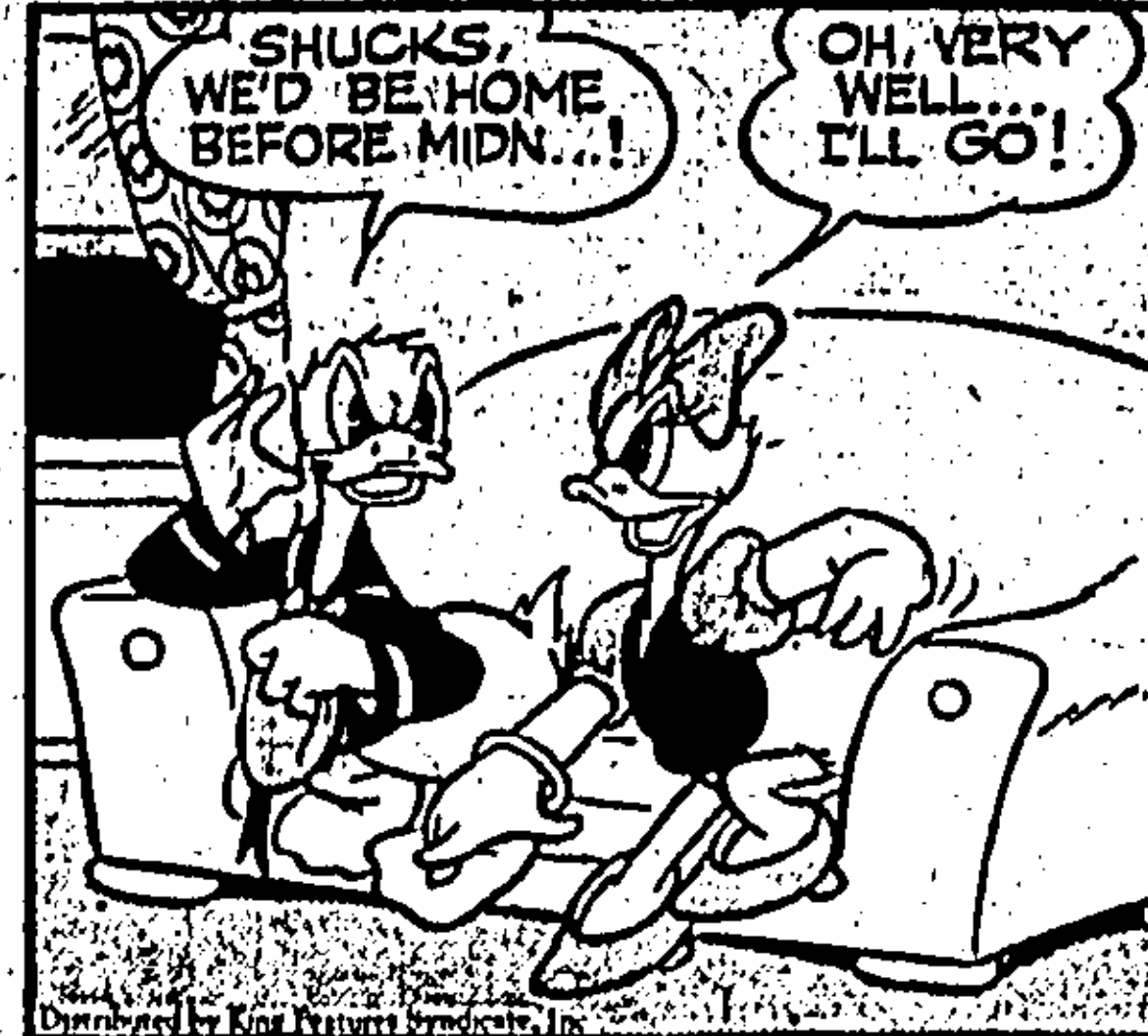
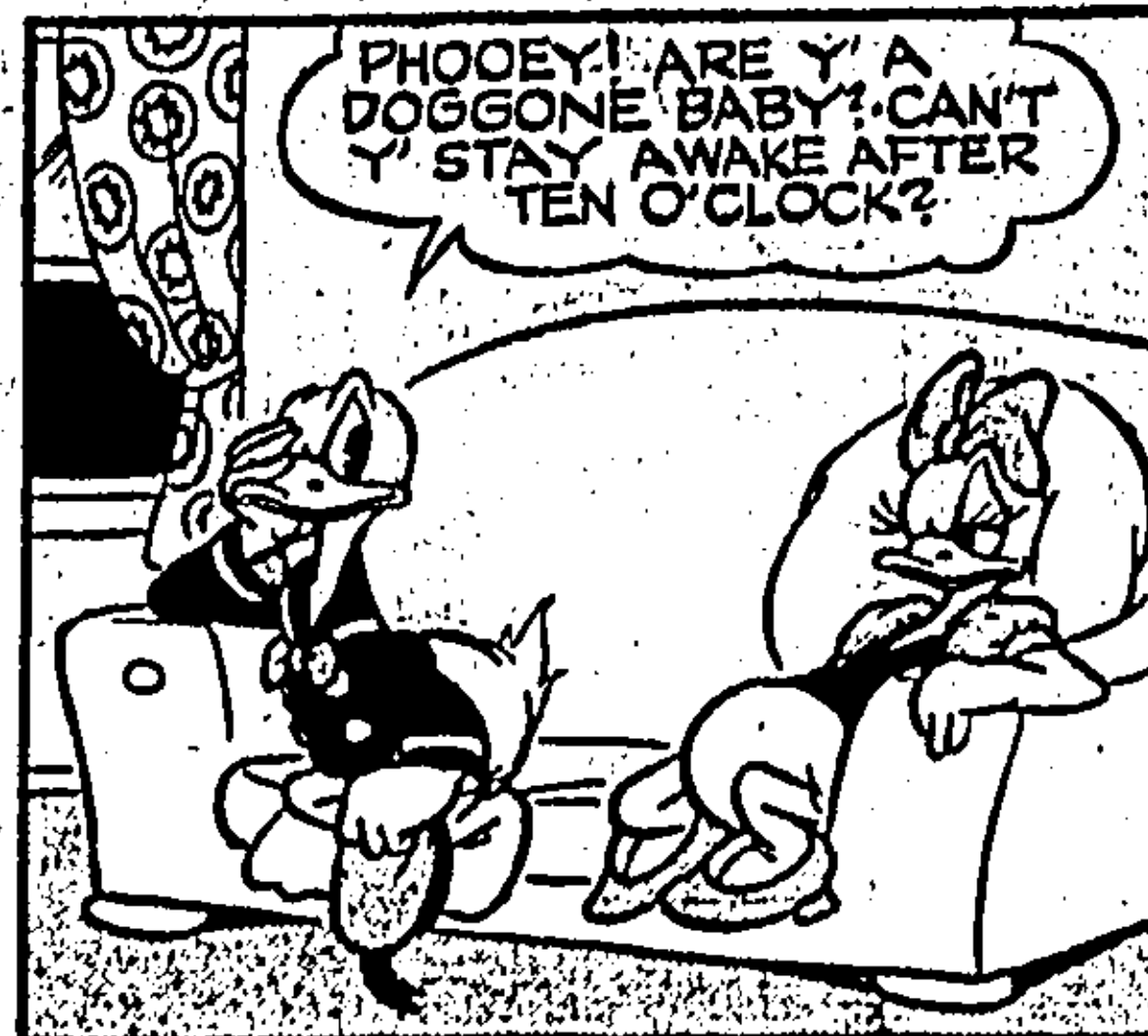
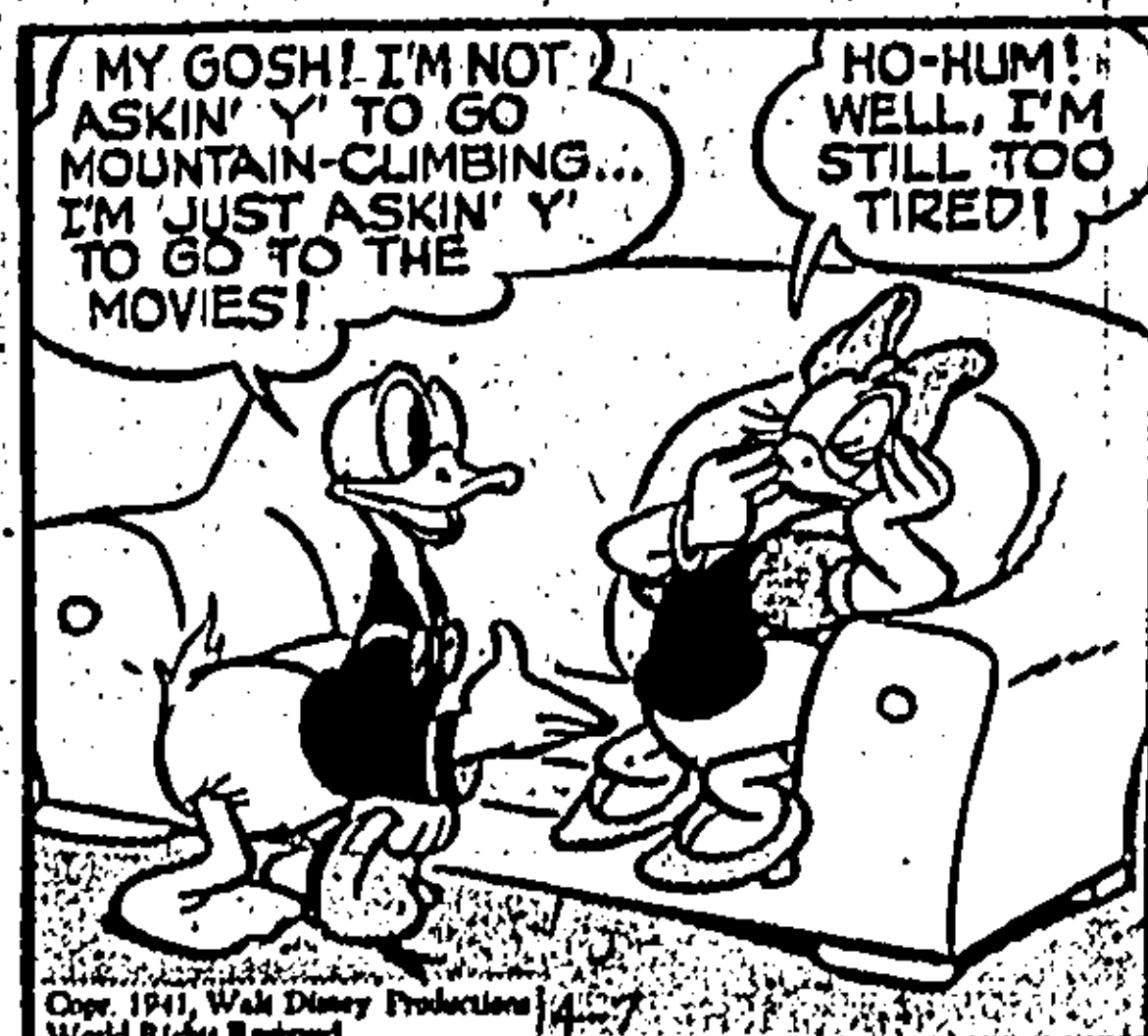


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2. (a) Heavy gun firing between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing areas "C" and "D" will be affected; (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

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4. (a) Heavy anti-aircraft gun practice in the western area of the Island between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected; (b) Light gun practice between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

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Carol Promises To Pay

Ex-King Carol, who with his favourite, Magda Lupescu, is now in Bermuda, telephoned his Seville hotel, the Andalusia Palace, from Lisbon.

He apologised for leaving without paying his bill and promised to send money to meet it, and to pay the salaries of his stranded servants.

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Importers are warned that no licence to import foodstuffs from the United Kingdom will be granted to firms, hongks, companies or individuals who have failed to register with this office by 21st May, 1941, in accordance with this or previous notifications.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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The Hongkong Telegraph China and Macao 16 cents per copy

British and Foreign 20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

17,500 HUSBANDS LEAVE HOME

A commentator broadcasting in New York announced that 17,500 husbands left their wives in the U.S.A. last year, the main reason being: (1) overdrawn expenses account; (2) criticising and nagging; (3) inattentive appearance at home, especially at the breakfast table; and (4) "keeping up with the Joneses."

Health By-Laws Before Urban Council to-morrow

A lengthy agenda has been drawn up for the Urban Council meeting to-morrow afternoon, chiefly relating to the use of flesh for food, in restaurants and in preserving establishments.

Other items relate to cemeteries, manganese dioxide works, and mosquito control.

The agenda is as follows:—

Letter from Government signifying the approval of the Legislative Council to the amendment of the by-laws under the heading "Conservancy" contained in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935. The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'Food Factories' and sub-heading 'A General' set forth in the Schedule to the above-mentioned Ordinance:—

Amendment

The following additional by-law is inserted immediately after by-law 5:—

5A. Except with the permission in writing of the Council no unsalted flesh meat shall be brought into the premises of a food factory or used or consumed therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government Slaughterhouses or which has been imported from Canada, Australia or New Zealand or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve.

Chairman, pursuant to notice, will also move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'Food Factories' and sub-heading 'B. Food Preserving Establishments' set forth in the Schedule to the above-mentioned Ordinance:—

Amendment

The following additional by-law is inserted immediately after by-law 4 (1):—

4 (1) (a). Except with the permission in writing of the Council no unsalted flesh meat shall be brought into the premises of a food preserving establishment or used or consumed therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government Slaughterhouses or which has been imported from Canada, Australia or New Zealand or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve."

Use of Boiling Water

The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'Restaurants, Eating Houses and Food Stalls' set forth in the Schedule to the above-mentioned Ordinance:—

Amendment

The following additional by-laws are inserted immediately after by-law 22A:—

22B. Except with the permission in writing of the Council no unsalted flesh meat shall be brought into the premises of any restaurant or eating house or used or consumed therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government Slaughterhouses, or which has been imported from Canada, Australia or New Zealand or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve.

22C. Every licensee shall, at all times provide a sufficient quantity of boiling water and shall cause every hot stick and utensil to be washed in boiling water before their use by one customer and before their use by another."

Cemetery Fees

The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 (1) (xxiv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment to the by-laws under the heading 'Cemeteries' contained in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935:—

Amendment

By-laws 19 and 20 are rescinded and the following by-laws are substituted therefor:—

19. The following fees shall be charged for each interment or storage in Chinese Cemeteries of bodies or remains:—

Section A.—50 cents.

Section B.—\$3.00.

* No interment will be permitted in Section A of a coffin measuring at the middle more than 55 inches in circumference.

20. The areas of the grave spaces in the two sections shall not exceed the following dimensions:—

Section A.—7 feet long by 2½ feet wide with 18 inches interspace.

Section B.—7 feet long by 3 feet wide with 18 inches interspace.

Offensive Trade

The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling, the Urban Council makes the following amendment to the by-laws in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935:—

Amendment

By-law 16 is rescinded and the following by-law is substituted therefor:—

16. The trade of crushing, packing or dealing in any way with manganese ore or manganese dioxide is declared to be an offensive trade."

Mosquito Prevention

The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 (xii) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment to the by-laws under the heading 'Mosquito Prevention' contained in Schedule A to that Ordinance:—

Amendment

By-law 2 is amended by the addition of the words 'or occupier' after the word 'owner' in line 6 thereof."

Minute by the Chairman relative to the proposed charges for the departmental collection of night soil.

Correspondence relative to levelling up of the rents of certain market stalls.

Application for eating houses licence for 21, Kinn Wa Street, ground floor.

Application for eating house licence for 92, Reclamation Street, ground floor.

Application for eating house licence for 105, Ma Tau Wei Road, ground floor.

Application for offensive trade licence for 289, and 201, Portland Street, ground floor.

Application for food shop licence for 34, Connaught Road Central, ground floor.

Application for food preserving licence for 20, Reclamation Street, ground floor.

Regular returns.

President Garfield

New Luxury Liner Passes Through Colony

Commanded by Captain J. E. Murphy, the new President Garfield, constructed by the American President Lines for their round-the-world service, passed through the Colony during the week-end on her maiden voyage from Honolulu and Shanghai.

Designed to carry the American flag service to the four corners of the globe, the Garfield embodies the very latest in scientific devices for safety. She has an estimated gross tonnage of 9,300; length overall, 492 feet; breadth, 69½ feet; and shaft horse-power of 8,500. Her normal sea speed is about 16½ knots.

There is accommodation for about 100 passengers and a crew of 124. All her cabins are outside ones and high amidships, while the modern ventilating systems provide fresh air in abundance.

Like her three-sister ships before her, the Garfield was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, at Newport News, Va., where three other ships of the same type and for the same service are now under construction.

It will be recalled that the Garfield was concerned in an incident while on her north-east of Honolulu on April 29, when she was halted by the Canadian auxiliary cruiser Prince Rupert, and four German passengers were removed from the ship.

Mr Edwin Marx, Secretary of the China Mission of the United Christian Missionary Society, revealed to-day that Miss Minnie Vautrin, widely known American missionary educator in China since 1912, committed suicide on Wednesday, while on furlough in the United States, at her home at Indianapolis.

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Horror Of Nanking Recalled

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Sir David Owen Dies In Sleep In Chicago

Chicago, May 17.

Sir David Owen, 87, died here to-day of a heart attack.

He was stricken in March, while en route home from Hongkong by train from San Francisco to New York. His Assistant, Mr Durcan Kennedy, was with him when he died.

Sir David was General Manager of the Port of London Authority and supervised the Hongkong harbour improvement project.—United Press.

Reuter adds that Sir David became ill on April 28 and was taken to a hotel in Chicago where he was placed in the care of specialists. He was apparently improving and was planning to continue his journey, but died in his sleep.

Sir David John Owen was born in Liverpool on March 8, 1874, and was a son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Cecil-wynne Owen. Sir David married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the late Capt. William Owen, of Carnarvon, in 1899; and on her death he married Marian Maud, widow of the late Mr J. H. Thomas, of Carmarthen, in 1908.

Sir David received his knighthood in 1931.

Sir David was educated in Liverpool, and was connected with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for 13 years. He was appointed Managing and Secretary to East Bros, flour millers Liverpool and Birkenhead, in 1904, and for the next four years was Assistant Manager of Goole Docks, becoming Manager in 1915. He was made General Manager and Secretary to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners the same year.

At the time of his death he was Chairman of Merchant Shipping Reserve Advisory Committee (Board of Trade).

Writings

Sir David was a Past President of the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations, and Past President of the Institute of Transport. He was also a member of the Royal Commission on Lotteries and Betting in 1932-33, and a member of the Holidays With Pay Committee in 1937. He was the author of "A Short History of the Port of Belfast" (1917), "A History of Belfast" (1921), "The Port of London Yesterday and To-day" (1927), and "The Origin and Development of the Ports of the United Kingdom" (1939).

It will be recalled that Sir David recently investigated Hongkong's port facilities and their future development, and arrived in the Colony on January 10, accompanied by Mr Kennedy. They left on February 2 on completion of their investigations.

Sir David's work in the Colony covered the whole situation of harbour facilities, organisation and administration at Hongkong, including the existing system of pier leases. His report was published in full recently.

In giving his opinion of the Colony, Sir David in a Press interview said: "I think this is a very delightful spot, more so than I had anticipated. I have always been told that this is a fine place and it is quite up to expectations."

Sir David charged no fee for his work here, but did it as a contribution to the Empire's war effort. He received the thanks of the Legislative Council.

Alleged Pirates Caught By Naval Boat

Six robbers on a junk were chased and caught by a naval patrol vessel near the Nine Pins, shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday. They were pursued following a report by a junk master, Lui Chiu-fat, that he had been robbed.

Lui told the Police that about 8 a.m. yesterday, while he was sailing near the Nine Pins, in British Waters, a junk with six Chinese men aboard approached and ordered him to stop. Three of the men had rifles; the others were armed with revolvers.

One of the robbers then boarded Lui's junk and assaulted the folk with the butt of his revolver. The robbers then searched the junk and left with \$400 in Chinese currency and two fishing nets valued at \$180.

Lui reported the robbery to a passing naval vessel which immediately gave chase.

SEA LION DIE

The London Zoo's youngest and smallest sea lion has died. It was only a fortnight since its mother, Nibby, died. The Zoo now has two sea lions left in the Gardens—Gus and Joe. Another two were evacuated to America when war broke out.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with Dinah Shore, Bob Dyer and Dick Powell.

Vocal—My Kingdom for a Kiss, Two Hearts Divided (both from film "Hearts Divided"), Dick Powell with Orchestra; Piano—Fools Rush In (Mercer, Bloom), Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World"), Billy Mayerl (Piano), Humorous—The Death of Willie, The Martins and the Coys, Bob Dyer ("The Last of the Hill Billies") with Orch.; Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii, Charles Kama and his Moana Hawaiians; Vocal—Imagination (Burke and van Heusen), Say It (film "Buck Benny Rides Again"), Dinah Shore with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op.51, No. 2. Lerner String Quartet.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock-Quotations.

6.32 Beethoven—"Fathetique" Sonata in E Minor, Op. 31, Wilhelm Kempff (piano).

6.51 Two Songs by Alexander Kiplars (Bass).

Vernat, Op. 105, No. 5 (Lemcke-Brahms), Ah die Nachtigall, Op. 40, No. 4 (Holly-Brahms).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 A Light Orchestral Programme with Essie Ackland (Contralto).

The Gypsy Baron—Selection (Joh. Strauss), George Boulanger and his Orchestra; My Creed (Lockton-Carne), Break, Finest Dawn (Handel, arr. Ochs), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.; Dream Scenario (Boulanger, arr. Satoru), When Am I Happy—Waltz (Boulanger), George Boulanger and his Orchestra; Whatever is, is Best (Lohr), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ; Furlant ("Schwanda" Weinberger), Polka ("Schwanda" Weinberger), State Opera Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.05 Concert Waltzes.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang."

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Eddie Peabody (Banjo) and Len Green (Piano).

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Plantation Songs.

Campdown Races, Uncle Ned, Ring de Banjo, Old Black Joe, Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet; My Old Kentucky Home (Foster); Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.; Nellie Bly; Old Times Come Again No More; Oh Susanna Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground, Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.

10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out."

Feature Programme, A. D.B.C. Production. Made in England.

10.30 Dance Music.

11.0 Close Down.

Bomber Fund Donations

A total of \$1,830,770.88 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the E. C. & P. Ltd., with the following donations:—

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"End of Jet Session" 14

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"Bathing Pants" 20

"Dog Whistle" 20

Cheong Choo (sale of old tin) 20.15

Heck and newspaper (donation) 65

Mr. D. Tolan (in memory of the late Mr. Tom Tolan) 19

"Bamboo" (per M.D.) 5.30

No. 1, Coy. H.K.V.D.C. (Camp "Bamboo" Evening) 84

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th May.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th May.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Today, May 20

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

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Reg. May 20, 5 p.m.

Ord. May 20, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. May 20, 5 p.m.

Ord. May 20, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 23

Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O. and G.P.O.

Reg. May 23, 4 p.m.

Ord. May 23, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service."

K.P.O.

Reg. June 2, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. June 2, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. June 2, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. June 2, 7.00 p.m.

POLICEMEN RETURN

Five Recruits From England

Twelve members of the Hongkong Police Force returned from England several days ago, among whom were Inspector A. L. Hopkins, who saw service with the Home Guard during the Big Blitz on London.

Other members of the Police force who returned were: Sgt. Ellis, Sgt. Banks, Sgt. Forest, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Wheeler, Sgt. Leung, L/Sgt. Appleton, L/Sgt. Wall, L/Sgt. Fender, L/Sgt. Stewart and L/Sgt. Salter.

The five new recruits are: K. J. Dudge, A. W. Tyler, J. R. H. Clements, C. A. A. Nicol and B. Butler, all of whom have now been attached to the Police Training School.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

May 12

Chamber of Commerce. Difficulties in getting imports owing to the scarcity of ships and restrictions were mentioned by Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Mr. Bousfield also spoke of the increasing importance of the local industries, particularly shipbuilding, cement making and sugar refining, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the commerce of the Colony had kept up remarkably well during the year under review.

Referring to the Delhi Conference which, he said, had opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East as to the possibilities of Hongkong, he expressed the hope that one result of that Conference would be to accelerate the growth of the Colony's productivity.

The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr. G. Miskin as Vice-Chairman.

Former Resident Dies. News of the death of Edith, wife of Mr. Daniel John Lewis, formerly of Hongkong, was received by cable in the Colony to-day.

Mrs. Lewis was first Chairman of the Ladies Advisory Committee of the Cheero Club, and remained Chairman until 1934.

Mr. Lewis was connected with the firm of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master from 1911 to 1935. He became a partner in the firm in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left the Colony in August, 1935, and went to live at Monte Carlo. They evacuated from France on the ship which took the last of the refugees from Cannes, just before Italy came into the war. On reaching London, they went to live at Bedford.

While in the Colony, Mr. Lewis was a Steward of the Hongkong Jockey Club, and was also a former Chairman of the Hongkong Club.

For The Bomber Fund. The proceeds arising from the recent production of "Boy Meets Girl" amounted to \$1,800, of this the Committee allotted \$1,400 to the South China Morning Post War Fund and \$400 to the B. W. O. F. Cheques have been forwarded to these organisations.

The three stage plays "Orders is Orders", "Someone at the Door" and "Boy Meets Girl", all produced within the last twelve months have, therefore, brought in a total of \$4,200 of which all but the \$400 mentioned above has been allotted to the Bomber Fund.

It is understood that next season's productions will be "The Middle Watch", "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and "French Leave". This programme should afford play-goers something interesting to look forward to.

Tuesday

May 13

Decree Nisi.—A decree nisi was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor, in the Divorce Court to-day to Mrs. Maria Fernanda Ribeiro Cabral de Carvalho, who sought the dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Eduardo Henrique Cabral de Carvalho, on the ground of adultery.

The custody of two children and the question of maintenance were decided in Chambers.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the petitioner, and the Respondent was neither represented nor present in Court.

The case had been adjourned for satisfactory evidence of domicile to be produced. This was done to-day. Mr. Chen said that the Respondent's domicile of origin was Hongkong, as he was born here, and there was evidence that he intended to make Hongkong his permanent home.

His Lordship pointed out that he had no explanation of the Respondent's presence in Portugal at a time when he was of age to think for himself and should have been earning his own living. The Respondent, he continued, had left Hongkong when he was still a minor, his mother had died there, and his father had left for England, where he died.

The Respondent lived for a number of years in Portugal, came back to Hongkong and after a year, returned to Portugal.

Mr. Chen called evidence to prove the reason for the Respondent's stay in Portugal, and that he intended to make his permanent home in Hongkong.

Colony's Health.—Behind the bare statistics compiled in the office of the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths lies a grim story. A representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" who visited the Medical Headquarters learned that, although there had been an actual decrease in births during the first quarter of 1941, amounting to just under 1,000, there had been an increase of nearly 4,000 in the number of deaths registered during the same period.

It is a sad commentary, stated an official, that the age group responsible for a great part of this increase is that of young children: up to five years of age.

Asked by the reporter what were the main causes of the increased loss of life as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1940, the Director of Medical Services stated that Beriberi and Pellagra (two of the principal deficiency diseases) accounted for over 900 more deaths. In addition, he affirmed that there were 548 more deaths from Tuberculosis, 1,118 more deaths from Enteritis (a proportion of which were referable to faulty feeding), and 324 more deaths from Cholera, which, though a dangerous infectious disease, often struck down those whose bodies were

at a point to 10 a.m. and again from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and sold over \$6,000 worth of rice, mostly of the first grade.

"We did not expect so great a crowd," said Mr. Wittenbach, "and the shops at the Central Market were practically besieged by hundreds of buyers. We had the Police on duty and the crowd was well regulated. We sold about 400 bags, mostly of the first grade—I would say three-to-one, in favour of the first grade rice, i.e., the No. 1 Saigon at \$14.80 per picul. The cheaper kind at \$14 per picul was bought mainly by the poorer people."

There was an equal rush to-day to the shops and a busy time. Each buyer was only allowed to purchase \$2 worth at a time.

weakened by privation and too little food of a satisfactory quality.

It is particularly significant that, with a fall in the number of births indicating fewer women in the child-bearing age in the Colony and a smaller total population at risk (other things being equal), there were this heavy increase in deaths amounting to nearly four thousand.

In answer to another question, the Director of Medical Services stated that the gravity of the situation was fully appreciated and that his colleagues and himself had hoped that the drastic action by Government would put an end to profiteering in the very staff of life of the people by Government becoming the sole importer and exporter and by controlling, from June 1, the price at which rice will be sold by retailers.

More Food Kitchens

We hoped, too, that there would be an extension on the mainland of the system of food kitchens, four of which have been operated by volunteers under the aegis of the Hongkong Refugees and Social Welfare Council for some time past, and that economic-but-balanced-meals would be made available to carefully selected deserving groups amongst the poorest of the poor. In this connection, the Director of Medical Services mentioned that the Nutrition Research Committee firmly believed that well-run communal kitchens could serve as valuable health propaganda, since a satisfactory diet (and not merely satisfying one) which appealed to the hungry and ill-nourished could be offered.

He felt that such kitchens could be used in the same way as those at the Government refugee camps had been used for the past two and three-quarter years, that is to say, in familiarising a section of the community with the health value of unpolished or partially polished rice, soyabean products and vegetables at a very low cost. He mentioned that, by dint of research and field experiment, it had been found possible to provide two substantial meals a day in the Government refugee camps at 20 cents per day for adult males (and correspondingly less for children), even at the present high price level for good quality rice—white and red (unpolished).

The Director of Medical Services admitted that it was possible that a proportion of the sufferers from Beriberi, Pellagra and other diseases of malnutrition spent what wages they earned unwisely, although even with the best intentions of following expert advice very many could not obtain sufficient nourishing food to keep them strong and well.

He suggested that those who were better endowed with the world's goods should make their contribution by setting an example in their own homes, factories, workshops and shops by having the "healthy" foods prepared for their families, their dependents and works and themselves.

It appears that much distress and suffering and death could be avoided by such a relatively simple action as giving up the use of expensive, highly polished rice and eating instead a portion at least of the undermilled or unpolished varieties, combined with cheap body-building material (like soyabean products and fish) and protective foodstuffs like vegetables (cooked, to avoid Cholera and similar bowel diseases).

Trading With Enemy.—On a charge of enabling an enemy agent in Shanghai to obtain money or credit, the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was fined \$5,000 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's Court to-day. The Bank was summoned for dealing, on December 3, 1940, without lawful authority, with US\$35,000 for the purpose of enabling the Italian Bank of China, Shanghai, to obtain money or credit.

Review Of The Principal Topics

May 11 To May 17

Wednesday

May 14

Swimming Gala. Although several heats were depleted through swimmers being unable to attend because of "volunteer" duties, European Y.M.C.A. staged a successful first swimming gala of the season to-night.

The handicapping was very good and several close finishes were seen. Closest race of the evening was in the 75 yards medley in which J. Roberts snatched a fine victory from F. Willis to whom he conceded five seconds. A. F. May and L. A. Benn were seen in a fairly exciting 220 yards. The former surged ahead in the last few lengths to win by four seconds.

Lai Tsun easily won the 200 yards relay, beating Y.M.C.A. A by a third of the bath. Tsang Cheong-ming, first string for the Chinese, covered his 80 yards in 25 4/5.

In the water-polo match Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex 4-0. The game was very clean, although the defenders on both sides were inclined to be a little slow in parting with the ball.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield, a Director of the Y.M.C.A. officiated as referee and other judges were Lieut. Willoughby (Middlesex), Lieut. Buckle (Signals) and Mr. C. F. Hyde (Chairman Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section).

50 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1. M. J. Gunning (33 sec); 2. G. Ramage (33 2/5); 3. H. C. Eardley (34 1/5); 4. E. G. Davidson (37); 5. G. Saunders (27 1/5); 6. A. McQueen (27 3/5); 7. E. F. Paul (27 1/5); 8. E. W. Rallion (29 2/5).

100 yards back-stroke handicap.—F. Willis (33 3/5); G. Saunders (34 1/5); 3. G. Saunders (34 1/5); 4. F. Willis (35); 5. G. Saunders (34 1/5).

220 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1. E. F. Paul (3:10 1/5); 2. G. Davidson (3:38 4/5); 3. H. C. Eardley (3:48 1/5); 4. E. G. Davidson (3:48 3/5); 5. L. A. Benn (3:52 4/5); 6. E. W. Rallion (3:11).

75 yards medley aggregate handicap.—1. J. Roberts (55); 2. F. Willis (58 2/5); 3. W. B. Ure (58 2/5); 4. L. A. Benn (58 2/5); 5. E. W. Rallion (58 2/5); 6. E. G. Davidson (58 2/5); 7. E. F. Paul (58 2/5); 8. E. W. Rallion (58 2/5).

Water-polo.—European Y.M.C.A. (H. C. Eardley; F. Willis, L. A. Benn; A. F. May; E. W. Rallion, R. Goldmann, E. F. Paul) beat Middlesex (Bdsm Stanton; L/Cpl Muecherbach, Signum Hunt; P.S.M. Ure; L/Cpl Biddis, P. Burdge; Pte Jennings) 4-0.

F. May scored all goals, one in the first half.

Notable Visitors. Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the outgoing United States Ambassador to Chungking, has arrived in Hongkong on his way back to America before going to Australia to assume his new post of Minister there.

According to a Central News message from Chungking, Mr. Johnson had arrived in Chungking on May 12, and had been met by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and had supper with him before leaving for Hongkong.

Mr. Johnson is accompanied by Mr. T. Elliot Well, Third Secretary of the American Embassy, and Captain James McHugh, Assistant Naval Attaché.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson will remain here until the arrival of his successor, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, later this week. Mr. Gauss was formerly Consul-General in Shanghai and latterly Minister to Australia.

Another notable American at present in Hongkong is Brigadier General Henry Glegg, new Commander of the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines. General Glegg declined to make any statement when seen by a reporter to-day, remarking through one of his aides that he had nothing to say beyond the fact that his visit here was unofficial.

Found Shot. Mr. James Bickelstaff, 36, land bailiff of the Public Works Department, was found shot at his residence, Prince Edward Road, shortly after 1 a.m. to-day.

A revolver was also found in the room, which was locked. The discovery was made by Mr. Bickelstaff's servants, who heard the shot, and notified the Police.

Mr Tom Hynes Killed.—News has been received in the Colony of the death at home, as a result of enemy action, of Mr. Thomas Hynes former Superintendent of Mails in Hongkong and resident here for 32 years.

The late Mr. Hynes joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps in London in the early days of the war but was invalided out. Later he met Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, former Inspector-General of Police in the Colony, at whose invitation he became an Air Raid Warden in Kensington. As news of Mr. Hynes' death was received on Monday, it is presumed that he was a victim of the German air blitz on London on Saturday night.

The late Mr. Hynes leaves two sons, Desmond and Brian, who are employed in the Post Office, one daughter, Mrs. Patsy Stott in the Colony and another, Mrs. Mansell-Dyer, who is in Cornwall, England. As Alice Hynes she had appeared in leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan Opera with the d'Oyly Carte Company.

The late Mr. Hynes, who was 61 years of age, came to Hongkong on September 14, 1904, and joined the Police Force in November of that year after holding several other positions. Two years later he joined the Sanitary Department and in 1907 was appointed Acting First-Class Inspector, Animal Depot and Slaughter House. From July 9, 1913, to March 6, 1914, he was Acting Inspector-in-Charge and in May, 1914, became Superintendent of Mails at the General Post Office, a post he held until his retirement in May, 1938.

Born in New Zealand, the late Mr. Hynes served in the Boer War, and after being in the Transvaal throughout that war he settled on the land in South Africa. This not proving a success he joined the Police Force in the Transvaal. In 1904 he left to come to Hongkong where he remained until his retirement except for twice visiting New Zealand and going to England a number of times on leave.

Mr J. D. Bickelstaff.—The funeral of the late Mr. James Dowrie Bickelstaff, 36, land bailiff of the Public Works Department, who was found shot at his residence in Prince Edward Road on Wednesday, was held at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, to-day. The Rev. K. MacKenzie-Dow officiated.

Among those present were Mr. J. Riddell and Mr. A. Fraser (chief mourners), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, Inspector A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fowler.

Thursday

May 15

Messrs J. Barrow, D. N. Willis, Lai Ming-kai, A. L. de Souza, J. C. L. Collins, W. C. Simpson, J. Angwin, A. G. Martin, R. Buchanan, D. Wilson, O. C. Womack, Fung Hol, P. Morgan and G. Morgan.

Wreaths were sent by "Mother," May, Jessie and Dot, Mr. J. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simpson, the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Mr. J. Barrow, Sgt. A. E. Tute, Hugh, Messrs D. Wilson, O. C. Womack, Fung Hol and George Morgan, A. Bone, D. E. McPherson, R. Buchanan.

Kowloon Football Club. Chinese Staff of the District Office, South, and the European and Chinese Staff of the Crown Land and Survey Office.

Head-on Crash.—Crashing head-on into a bus in Nathan Road at 11 p.m. to-night, a car rebounded 13ft across the road, seriously injuring the driver and a passenger.

The driver, Revenue Officer E. T. Warden, and the passenger, a Chinese woman, are in Kowloon Hospital. The woman was operated on immediately for serious head injuries and is said to be making progress. Mr. Warden received superficial injuries.

The mishap occurred near the Argyle Street intersection where a portion of the road is under repair and traffic has to veer to the middle of the road.

The bus was heading for Tsim-shatui from Laiokok. No passengers were injured and the vehicle, although damaged, was able to proceed.

Mr. Warden's car was practically wrecked, the road in the vicinity of the crash being littered with broken glass. Hardly a square inch of glass was left in the windscreen.

The radiator, fender and front number plate were smashed back on to the engine and a mudguard and headlamp flying against the wheel.

H.E. Not Moving.—It was learned from the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, to-day, that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has decided to remain in Government House and has no plans in mind for moving his residence elsewhere.

It is understood that this decision was made because no further cracks in the structure have been noticed and the movement has practically ceased.

It will be remembered that at one time His Excellency suggested moving to Admiralty House owing to the serious damage sustained by Government House on account of tunnelling operations.

Colony Officials Back.—Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who has been home on leave, is back in the Colony. Other Government officials who have returned are Dr. J. A. R. Selby, of the Medical Department, and Mr. L. Starbuck, of the Royal Observatory.

Mr. George T. Rowe and Mr. Geoffrey C. Hamilton, members of the Government Administrative Service, have also arrived here.

Friday

May 16

Nightsoil Issue.—Government's intention to increase the rates by one per cent, to cover the cost of nightsoil removal has been abandoned, and instead a fee will be levied against each floor "for services rendered," it was learned from the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council to-day.

Mr. Carrie said that he had prepared a tentative scale of charges, but, as some members of the Urban Council seemed to have "a little difference of opinion," the matter would be brought up at the fortnightly meeting of the Council next Tuesday, when it would be thoroughly discussed. The charges, he added, would be made against the landlords as ratepayers, but they in turn would have the right to pass them on to the tenants as the services were actually rendered to the latter.

As regards the number of carriers employed by Government, Mr. Carrie stated that the total was 1,950 and there were no vacancies at present. No further representations had been received since the announcement by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, in the Legislative Council, of general policy would be considered on the other hand, about 100 to 150 coolies, apparently from those who took part in the protests, had been placed on the waiting list.

Number of Former Carriers. Asked how many former carriers had been taken into employment, Mr. Carrie said that it was difficult to say. As everyone could claim they had been in the trade before, but as far as he knew there were about 20 per cent. He emphasized that every effort had previously been made to induce persons employed on nightsoil to be taken into direct employment by the Government, and that they were would be responsible.

Mr. Carrie also stated that every day there was going on smoothly, and been in the trade before, but as far as he knew there were about 20 per cent. He emphasized that every effort had previously been made to induce persons employed on nightsoil to be taken into direct employment by the Government, and that they were would be responsible.

given up to April 30 to do so. In this connection, it seemed that only those in Hongkong were opposed to the scheme, as most of those in Kowloon had joined the Government.

On the question of collection, Mr. Carrie said that since the Government took over the collection of nightsoil, the average daily collection was 3,800 buckets whereas on the seventh night of the change-over, when things could be regarded as having settled down, 7,400 buckets were collected.

On the first night Government took over, Mr. Carrie also stated, the quantity of nightsoil was more than the coolies could handle due to the fact that no collection had been made in the previous two nights. A total of 8,000 piculs, representing 16,000 buckets, were collected, and every junk employed was filled to capacity.

Kowloon City and Shaukiwan. The biggest increase in the collection of buckets was in Kowloon City and Shaukiwan, in the former district the average daily collection was 14 buckets under the old system and 14 buckets under the new system.

Under the present system every bucket had to be taken to the boats and to counteract the shortage of fertilizers Government had in mind the provision of manure from the slaughter houses for the gardeners.

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Lawn Bowls League.—The first major upset in the Lawn Bowls League this season occurred to-day, when Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" lost to Indian Recreation Club. This was the only surprising result in the full programme of matches carried out, the decisions of the others being more or less expected.

The highest count in all matches was a six and there were five of these—by B. W. Bradbury and C. G. Silva in the First Division, W. J. Howard and M. J.

Saturday

May 17

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments

"The smashing Japanese campaign is racing towards a climax as the Japanese are bringing home their ill-fated, ill-proved assault. Bringing it home alive?"

The chief difficulty about Hongkong's war effort is the ever-present suspicion that someone is putting something across. What we need is a decision on whose war this is.

In an interview a Scottish farm hand said that he could quite easily understand Hess, who spoke English well. The parrot probably experienced the greater difficulty.

Barbers complain of under-cutting of charges. Customers complain that too much is cut off. So a compromise should be possible.

It's a bit hard. Robt. McWhirter received a letter the other day. It was unstamped and cost him ten cents tax. It was one of those prayer chain letters.

A Wang Ching-wei newspaper deprecates German aggression. There seems to be some fear in Nanking that, as the result of the Tripartite Pact, Japan may invade China.

A Japanese paper advocates shortening of the China front. It seems that the only result achieved so far is the broadening of the Chinese back.

A moon of migrating curlews has passed over the Colony. What of it? Probably evacuees; and there's plenty of room in many places for the right sort of birds.

If they build anything faster than the Typhoon fighter plane they may be stumped for a name—but how about "Modern Miss"?

Women's fashions are again being influenced by Chinese motifs. Meanwhile men look wistfully at the comrade's rolled-up singlet.

The Government is now going into the rice retailing business. So what about a subscription list for relief of unemployed comradors?

It is denied that Hess went to conclude a separate peace with Scotland. The Germans realize too well what happened in England.

Government House has now stopped moving and the next problem is up to the Botanical and Forestry department—to make the shoring grow some foliage.

Two new record low aggregates for the First and Third Divisions were created. J. McKelvie's rink were responsible for the First Division record by scoring only having settled down, 7,400 buckets were collected.

Police Officers Return.—Twelve members of the Hongkong Police Force have returned from England among whom were the Inspector A. L. Hopkins, who saw service in the Home Guard during the Big Blitz on London.

Other members of the Police force who returned were Sgt. Ellis, Sgt. Banks, Sgt. Forrest, Sgt. Pilkington, Sgt. Wheeler, Sgt. Laughlin, L/Sgt. Appleton, L/Sgt. Wall, L/Sgt. Fender, L/Sgt. Stewart and L/Sgt. Satter.

The five new recruits are K. J. Daude, A. W. Tyler, J. R. H. Clements, C. A. A. Nicol and R. Butler, all of whom have now been attached to the Police Training School.

Rumours that Chinese rice dealers have suspended selling to retailers are unfounded. No. 1 Thailand rice was sold on the Nam Pak Hong to-day at \$18.64 per picul, as compared with \$18.30 a few days ago when the Government first announced its intention to take over control of the import of rice. The medium grade Thai rice was sold at \$17.87 yesterday at Nam Pak Hong.

Retailers have dropped their rates to the level of Government's "fair price."

Nam Pak Hong merchants believe that Thailand rice, sold about \$10.00 base of rice to Hongkong every month.

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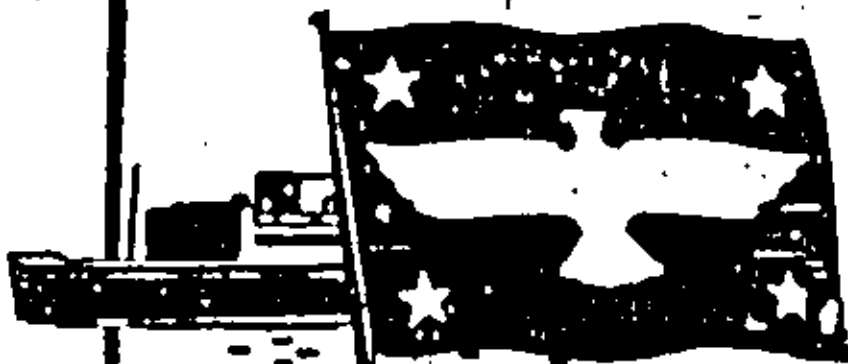
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SQUARE DEAL FOR

DOCKERS

MR Ernest Bevin's bold scheme for securing a quicker turn-round of ships in port is something more than a necessary step to counter Hitler's threat of an intensified submarine campaign against British shipping; it is also a great measure of reform which will give the dockers a square deal. For over twenty years the evil of casual labour at the docks has stood condemned, and the abolition of the system has been demanded by the organised workers. The registration of dock-workers was a step in the right direction, but the obvious next step of a guaranteed week seemed hard to take.

Now Mr Bevin has gone even farther. Faced with the vital fact that the maintenance of an adequate food supply depends to a very large extent on securing a much accelerated turn-round of ships, he has produced a scheme which will achieve this purpose and put dock workers on a higher level than they have ever been in peace-time. The Minister of Transport is to become the employer of all the registered dock workers in Liverpool (including Birkenhead), Manchester, Preston, Garston, Bromborough, Ellesmere Port, Partington, Widnes, Runcorn and Weston Point. The dock workers of the Clyde area are to be included in the scheme later. All the workers thus put in State employment will be engaged on a guaranteed weekly basis. The guaranteed minimum payment will be for eleven turns a week at the agreed port rates. Each turn will consist of four hours, day or night. There will be extra pay for Saturday afternoon and Sunday work. Wages are to be paid on Thursdays. Canteens are to be established at all docks and reserves of food will be available for the workers.

As Mr Bevin said in outlining the scheme, the new conditions of employment will give dock workers security, adequate payment for the job, and the assurance that their labour is being used efficiently. The men will be working for the community and to win the war. Much of what is being done

No More Peroxide Blondes

It looks as if the war is going to cause a shortage of blondes. Peroxide is getting scarce, says a United Press dispatch from Hollywood.

Red fingernails also are likely to disappear. The goo that makes them red is being used to make high explosives. Permanent-wave solutions that make curly hair contain sodium and potassium, which the U.S. Government is commandeering for gun powder.

Max Factor, Jr., who gilds the Hollywood lilies, said that almost every chemical that goes on a woman's face to make it beautiful is indispensable to men bent on killing each other.

Chemical Shortage

"All the big cosmetic houses have attempted to lay in supplies of as many things as they can," he said. "It won't be long before we, and our customers, will feel the chemical shortage."

Bromine and chlorine, used in lipstick, make poison gas. The colours themselves are being commandeered by the defence forces to paint tanks.

Finger and toe nail polishes consist primarily of nitro-cellulose, a gooey mixture needed in high explosives.

Mr Factor said blondes who depend on peroxide will become brunettes, unless the war ends soon, while those women who credit vanishing cream for their smooth skins will be using synthetic glycerine without ever knowing it.

Steam For Waves

"Face powder's base is talc, which come from mines in Italy and France," Mr Factor said. "The supply in this country is nearing exhaustion."

"Eastern capital is developing talc deposits right here in California and in another year or so all face powders will be made of American talc."

Mr Factor said that alkalies, used to soften the hair for permanent waves, is now nearly exhausted. An attempt is being made to replace this process with live steam.

Nazi Spy Ring Discovered

A vast Nazi spy ring has been discovered in Cuba, and many arrests have been made, says the B.B.C.

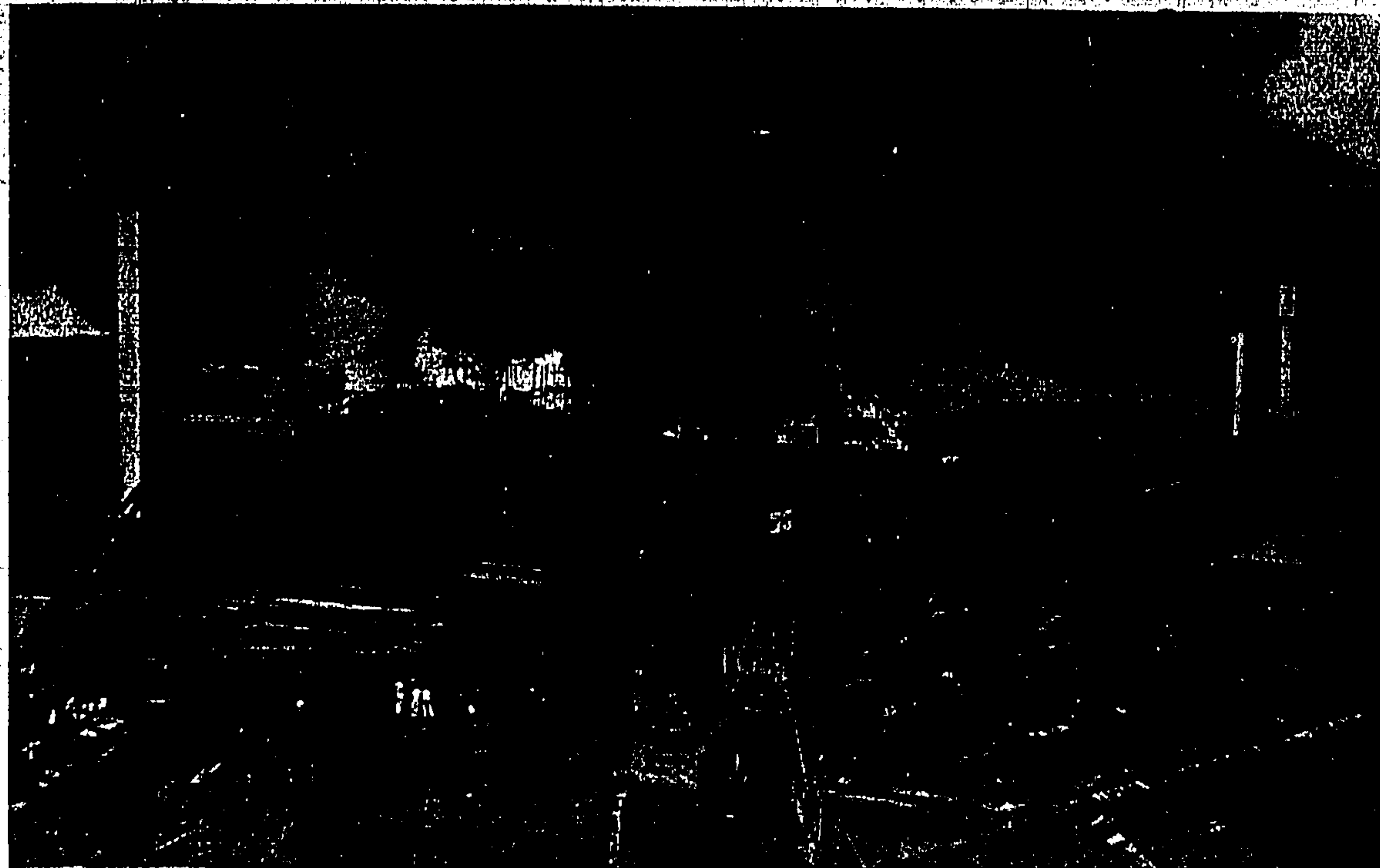
Arms, plans of Cuban military and naval posts and strategic roads, and detailed descriptions of U.S. naval stations have been seized.

Those arrested include a German army officer, who the police state, has been active in the Caribbean zone for several months.

He will be tried under the recently enacted Cuban Defence Act.

under the stress of war may be subject to revision when war ends; but when victory is secured, those measures which have made for efficiency and an improvement in the condition of the people must remain part of Britain's national life.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANILA



A huge area in the suburbs of Manila, near the Pasay River, was devastated on the afternoon of May 3 by a fire which swept out of control in a steady wind, engulfing the wooden houses of the Filipinos at the rate of one a minute for several hours and rendering more than 6,000 persons homeless. About 40 blocks, wherein were over 1,000 homes, were destroyed. Fortunately, the death toll was low, only three or four persons being killed; but several people were injured. These pictures just received, show the conflagration at its height, and the shambles that was seen the morning after the catastrophe. (Photos by Airport Studio, Manila, through Sun Ying Ming).



DISILLUSIONED NAZI

"SCRUTINEER" writes on the
Flight of RUDOLF HESS

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland was the outstanding event of last week, but that does not do justice to its importance.

It is so startling that one finds it difficult to understand it, for nothing similar could possibly happen in England. If we sought a parallel, in imagination, it would be for Ernest Bevin to fly to Berlin and announce his arrival by saying he was revolted by what he had been doing and that his conscience would not permit him to do it any longer. We would feel, in that case, that the bottom had fallen out of our system, and that what we were fighting for was obviously immoral and degrading.

If Bevin, who is in the centre of things, felt that way about it, then the humble idiom, with his faith hattered, would go about his job of fire-fighting and such things in a faded condition. His heart would no longer be in it, and the fighting forces, too, would be infected with doubt about the worthiness of British aims.

That is the position of Hess. The first reaction, then, is one of astonishment at the incident, then amusement because of Hitler's discomfiture, and even a certain amount of sympathy for Hess. Clearly he is not in the same category as a Quisling who sells his country in order to buy a position of importance. Hess steps down from being deputy Fuehrer into obscurity. It may be said that he is seeking safety, knowing that his life was in danger, but that danger was due to his conviction that Nazism was a horrible and evil system, and apparently he could not remain indifferent any longer.

The choice of his place of escape is a deep insult to Germany as it is a compliment to Britain, for it proves quite clearly that only in Britain would he find that decent and wholesome life which is so conspicuously lacking in his own country.

Many German exiles, of course, have said the same thing, but their testimony, though honest and reliable, could not carry the same conviction as that of Hess, who held the highest office and knew the Nazi system from A to Z.

He was on intimate terms with everyone of the leaders, knew their characters and was aware of every act. That experience, starting in high hopes and a firm faith in National Socialism, has ended in disillusionment and disappointment. He revolts against it but he does not plot or intrigue against his immediate leader. He quietly withdraws.

Had he plotted, he would have been accused of personal ambition, and whatever his aims the Germans would have felt they were dishonourable. By abdicating in this dramatic way, he most convincingly shows his abhorrence of the policy which is bound to lead to disaster. His action carries conviction because of the extent of the sacrifice he has made.

It will have no immediate outward effect. On the contrary, it might stimulate Hitler, Goebbels and Ribbentrop in their evil courses, seeing that Hess must have been in recent months a half-hearted supporter of the Nazi regime; but it cannot be doubted that in the long run this desertion will have to be explained to the German people, who even now must be trying to find an answer.

Catch phrases about insanity, astrophysics and physical sickness will not satisfy the thinking part of the population. Goebbels, in spite of his crude propaganda methods, will merely make such people more suspicious. They will want to know why the deputy Fuehrer, chosen by

Hitler for his courage, common sense, physical vigour and deep loyalty to the National Socialist cause, should abandon his country. If it provokes the German into thinking, as it must, then Nazism is doomed, for it is now discredited.

The importance of Hess is clearly brought out in the following extract from the "Niedersaechsische Tageszeitung" of Jan. 18, 1941:

"There is now law or executive order—it is quite immaterial from which Ministry it might come and which subject it might concern—which has not first passed through the office of the Deputy of the Fuehrer and been examined there. No country in the world knows of such an office of control which has the special duty to see to it that the basic principles of the National Socialist Party are reflected in each law and order passed by the State, and that they are couched in a language so as not to disturb the natural feeling of the people."

"Rudolf Hess does not issue any State laws himself, and yet all the orders issued by the various Ministries bear the stamp of his collaboration, frequently even his own counter-signature. Because of the fact that the inner political work of all the State authorities goes through his hands, and that, besides, he examines the credentials of all the officials whom the Fuehrer wishes to appoint, the National Socialist Party is already included in the leadership of the State."

"What the Fuehrer cannot do himself, Rudolf Hess examines" his mind. As deputy of the Fuehrer with executive powers within the National Socialist Party and all its sub-organizations, Rudolf Hess gives the final decision in the name of the Fuehrer. The place to which Adolf Hitler has appointed his former private secretary after the State leaders had been taken over by the National Socialist Movement, must therefore be looked upon as the narrow gateway through which alone access can be gained to the life of the German people."



Anglo-Greek Government Relations

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London, the Germans have invented a story which their "Trans-Ocean" news service has given to the world. The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palatini, the British Minister in Athens, was talking to the Greek Legation in London. The Greek Legation in London says that there is no word of truth in this report. The normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and her ally, the Greek Government.

De Gaullists At Vichy To Die

BERNE, May 18 (Reuter).—The most savage penalties yet enforced against the followers of General de Gaulle are reported in a message from Vichy. The War Tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and has imposed sentences of imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement.

Greek Ministers Machine-Gunned

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—A twin-engine Italian plane machine-gunned a 300-ton boat on which the Greek Ministers Colias (Finance) and Apostolides (Justice) were making their way from Turkey to Palestine, reports the Jerusalem correspondent of the Independent French news agency. No one was injured in the attack and the two Ministers have arrived at Haifa and are continuing their journey to "somewhere in the Middle East."

Army's Air Mail Service

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The new aircraft letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Sir Archibald Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My Dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

BULGARIAN MOBILISATION

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French news agency. General Daskaloff will discuss with the Germans a general mobilisation in Bulgaria of all men up to the age of 50, says the report. The Germans are withdrawing troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops.

AMBASSADORS MEET



Hongkong is honoured by the presence of two distinguished diplomatic personages, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson (left), the retiring United States Ambassador to China, and his successor, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, who arrived on Saturday. This picture was taken at the Peak residence of the Acting U. S. Consul-General, where they conferred during the week-end. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

American Sold Home To Join Royal Air Force

Stirred by the valour of our airmen in the battle for Britain, Americans are flocking to join the R.A.F. In the Churchillian phrase, they "just keep rolling along."

One of them, among a contingent of Empire air training recruits landed in Britain recently, assured pressmen that many more U.S. airmen are on their way over, and many more are ready to follow. Numbers of them have come at great personal sacrifice.

Sold His Planes

Paty Ward, pilot owner of an air line in Tennessee, sold his aeroplanes and business, lock, stock and barrel, crossed the border to Canada and joined the R.A.F. at the age of 30. John Coen, an Illinois school-teacher, who was once a U.S. air force pilot, is another star recruit. He gave up his position to join in Britain's air battle.

Bill Hall, a "bush" pilot from Alaska, has piloted thousands of miles over the mountainous snow-covered ranges, probably one of the most difficult air patrols in the world. Yet he wants more excitement.

Bride Found Dead In Her Bath

Mrs Mary Emma Parkin, 19, who was found dead in a bath at her flat in Meadowbank-gardens, Cranford, Middlesex, 12 days after her marriage, was stated at the inquest at Hounslow to have apparently been reading a novel entitled "Found Drowned," by Eden Phillpotts. Recording a verdict of accidental death, the deputy coroner, Mr H. G. Broadbridge, said that it appeared that Mrs Parkin had been reading, was made unconscious by carbon monoxide, and fell back.

Yaumati Ferry Company Feels War Conditions

Although traffic continued to increase and receipts were higher than those of 1939, a considerable drop in the net earnings was reported at the 17th annual ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Company, Ltd, held in the Company's Office at the Jordan Road pier on Saturday.

The reduction in earnings was attributed to five factors, including increased cost of coal, increased taxation and wartime regulations and restrictions.

Mr Lau Tak-po, Managing Director, presided at the meeting and Directors present were: Dr Kwan Sum-yin (Chairman), Mr Li Sing-kue, Mr Cheng Kwok-on, Mr Young Tsun-dart, the Hon. Mr T. N. Chau, Mr Wong Kwok-shuen, Mr Choy Wal-hung, and Mr Wong Chai-hoo. Present also was Mr F. H. Loseby and some 50 shareholders.

Presenting the report Mr Lau said: "The traffic continued to increase and although the receipts were higher than those of the previous year 1939 the net earnings were down by over \$202,000, the principal reasons for this being (a) increased cost of coal; (b) increased taxation; (c) requisitioning of the vehicle ferry vessel Man Yeung; (d) wartime regulations and restrictions; and (e) higher cost of metals, timber, stores and foodstuffs."

In 1932, when we submitted our tender to the Government for the Ferry Franchise, we were paying about \$10.80 for a ton of coal. After the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and China the price began to increase, but up to the outbreak of War with Germany the price of coal was only \$18 per ton. In the latter part of 1940 the price of coal rose rapidly and Indian Coal is now quoted at over \$80 and Dutch Coal at over \$75 per ton. No one at the time of tender could have foreseen this abnormal rise.

Cause For Increase

The rise in the price of coal to such abnormal rates is entirely due to the shortage of available shipping. Very nearly all the British merchant shipping has been requisitioned; and British shipping now operates in order to be playing for the benefit of Government. As a Public Utility company, even though we pay to Government sums three or four times the amount distributed among our shareholders, we must still carry on as we can and trust that Government will tackle this difficult question as soon as possible. The coal position is made worse by the fact that the vehicle ferry "Man Yeung" which is a diesel engine ship has been requisitioned thus further increasing the coal bill, and depriving us of the benefit of our capital and one of our most economical ships.

Fortunately we have in hand very considerable stocks which were purchased at much lower prices, but in time these stocks will be exhausted.

During 1940 we paid the Government over \$900,000 in taxes and royalties—but we shall be unable to buy coal at present prices and pay such large sums to Government.

I am happy to state that steps are just being taken to enable us to obtain our coal supplies at a much lower rate.

The imposition of new taxation, including \$25 per ton on fuel oil and 10 cents per gallon on lubrication oil has also increased our operating costs.

The motor vehicle ferry "Man Yeung" was requisitioned by the Authorities in July, 1940, but the rate of hire paid for the use of the vessel will not pay for ordinary depreciation. The loss of use of this vessel upset our vehicle service and caused bad congestion of traffic—which an advance effect on our vehicle traffic receipts. On the 15th instant the Authorities have informed us that the "Man Yeung" will temporarily be returned to us and that the hire will be paid at an increased rate. It gives pleasure to state that the vehicle ferry service will return to normal as from to-day.

Black-out Drawbacks

The frequent black-out exercises have also affected our receipts. The New Territories Ferry Service have been seriously impeded by the wartime regulations and restrictions. Although the receipts have been maintained the various restrictions imposed on shipping require the employment of two extra vessels and doubled the mileage of some of the services and correspondingly the quantity of fuel consumed.

The heavy increase in the price of rice and firewood brought considerable hardship to the members of our staff and it was decided to give a general allowance of \$2 per month to 830 employees. Our stores are also increasing in cost and our repairs cost much more on account of the high cost of steel and timber.

Your Directors are giving the above matters their very serious and careful attention and are approaching the Government on some of the problems. During 1940 the new ferry vessel the Man Tai was added to our fleet and two of the older vessels, the old Man Tai and Man Kuen, were sold at prices well above their book value as you will see from the accounts.

In February and April this year we have taken delivery of two new ferries, the Man Kuen and the Man Tai, new vessels are a great improvement on the older type of boats. It is the policy of the Board to replace the older and smaller class of vessels with new and more economical ships.

Your Board have recommended an increase in the minimum fare payable on commercial ferries to \$1.50. This rate is still 25 per cent. below the authorized charges. They do not propose, however, to apply for any increase in the passengers and private car fares.

In recommending the same dividend as for 1939 namely \$2.40 for each Ordinary Share and \$2.80 on each Preferential Share your Directors have provided for the carrying over of \$211,884 of the previous year's account, which I trust will meet with your approval.

Mr Chan Wing-chung seconded the adoption of the report and it was carried unanimously.

Mr Li Sing-kue proposed that Messrs T. A. Martin and Co., and Mr Li Tung be re-elected Auditors. Seconded by Mr Cheng Kok-on, the proposal was carried.

YAUMATI FERRIES

The following were re-elected Directors of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co., at the General Meeting held on Saturday morning:—Dr Kwan Sum-yin, Hon. Mr T. N. Chau, Mr Li Sing-kue, Mr Kwok Chuen, Mr Choy Wal-hung, Mr Young Tsun-dart, Mr Cheng Kwok-on, Mr Wong Kwok-shuen, and Mr Chan Kam-yung.

Mr Lau Tak-po, the Managing Director, and Mr Wong Chai-hoo, being permanent Directors were not subject to re-election.

Dividend warrants will be issued at the Head Office at Jubilee Street Ferry Pier to-day.

Captured Quislings Problem

The capture of ten Norwegian Quislings in the raid on the Lofoten Islands raises a legal problem which is to be discussed by British and Norwegian lawyers.

Are they to be treated as ordinary prisoners of war, or as traitors to their country? If as traitors, should they be dealt with under British or Norwegian law?

The Norwegian Government is established in London, and has sovereign powers, but it is doubtful whether these go so far as to give the right to deal with traitors.

As the Quislings are not British citizens, and their acts were carried out in a foreign country, it is considered they are unlikely to be tried for treachery under British law, which carries the death penalty.

Norwegian law as it stands has no death penalty for civil crimes. It is almost certain the men will be regarded as ordinary prisoners of war and kept in internment.

Java Buys In Britain

Sea Power Factor

The confidence of Britain's Dutch allies in her ability to deliver cargoes in East Asia despite the present uneasiness in the Pacific is shown by the order for 10,000,000 yards of cambrics which has been placed in Manchester on behalf of Java.

This is the second big order from the Dutch East Indies since the Netherlands entered the war. The first, for 22,000,000 yards, was given last autumn.

The new contract was negotiated through the Cotton Board, who have been closely watching trade developments in Java during recent months. As a result of this observation British suppliers have captured a considerable volume of trade from Japan.

Raider Joined Our Convoy

That the raider which attacked a British convoy in the Atlantic recently was a vessel of mercantile type and not a warship is suggested by survivors' stories from Madeira.

These state that the raider, flying the British flag, actually joined the convoy, steamed with it for four hours and then, suddenly increasing speed, began firing on the other vessels.

After a few moments of surprise the convoy ships returned the fire, and scored at least one hit.

Goering Stopped From Hunting

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Hitler has banned his associates from travelling even for private purposes, with the result that Marshal Goering has had to abandon the hunting trip which he had planned.

This is one of the consequences of these flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency, reporting the ban.

"WAR PERIOD" DEFINED

The expression "war period" is defined in the text of a Parliamentary Bill issued recently. It is interpreted as "the period beginning with the Second Day of September, 1939, and ending with the date on which the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, expires."

GOEBBELS AND EDEN STORY

At the opening of the Czech Institute in London, Mr Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister, blinded by lights and flashlights, pleaded to photographers, "Please, don't shoot." Dr Goebbels has seized on this speech to America by newspapermen, meaning that "An attempt was made on the life of Mr Eden, English War Minister, when he was opening the Czech Institute in London."

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China A.A. Sponsors Athletics

Keen Response Indicates Need For Local Association

Fine Standard Revealed

(By ("Tinker"))

IF, AS IT SHOULD, a Hongkong Athletic Association emerges from the present spate of athletic activity in the Colony, greatest credit for the revival of this long defunct body will be due to the initiative shown by the South China Athletic Association in their care for track sports over the past two years.

Together with their consideration for the welfare of their own members, the Association have unselfishly entertained a regard for those athletes outside their sphere, but who were deprived of competition, and not only have Open events been included in their own Meets, but Open Meets organised for the sole benefit of these others.

And it would be most ungenerous to give the Sports Committee of the South China A.A. a title less credit than they deserve.

For two years now, and at convenient intervals, their ground has been opened to public competitions, and these have required quite some organisation, for they have not been one-day meetings but have extended over two and three days.

Response, too, has been good and it has shown one or two things. First, that outside sportsmen have appreciated South China's efforts, and, second, that these same people have avidly accepted the opportunity of taking part in games which, in Hongkong's stagnation, would otherwise have been refused them.

There is a need for a Hongkong Athletic Association. It increases as time goes by, for though in previous years, too, it has been apparent, there was not the enthusiasm that is being shown at the moment.

The "Keep Fit" movement, that has spread throughout the Empire has found Hongkong lacking in headquarters. Arguments that football, hockey, tennis and cricket are sufficient for this are weak in the respect that the training for these games is not of the same quality as that required for athletics. The finest developed men are to be found around the cinder track and on the field, for in the variety of events practically every muscle in the body is called into play.

Standard High Enough

THERE is no doubt but that standards are encouraging. There is a lot of talent in the Army, as has been revealed in the two recent contests held at Shumshup. There are runners of quality among the civilians as has been shown in the three-day Schools and Open Meet held at Caroline Hill last week-end.

Against good performances is the weather—especially right now—while the general quality of tracks here is not in the A1 class. Outstanding performances to date have been those of the Army javelin throwers and jumpers, the Y.M.C.A.'s newly formed Athletic Club, and Pte Manson of the Royal Scots.

Pte Lever (Middlesex) held the field in the javelin throw last year with 177 feet. This has not been bettered this year—his best having been 173 ft 11½ inches at the Combined R.A. v. M'xex-Rapput Meet—but Bdr Pigeon (12th Coastal Battery) took the Army title from Lever

Tennis League Starts To-day

FIRST DIVISION tennis League matches open the League programme to-day. These will be:

G.R.C. v. University
Recrelo v. S. China A.A.
H.K.C.C. v. K.C.O.

It is possible, however, that the Recrelo-S.C.A.A. match will be postponed owing to Volunteer duties commanding the services of many of the Recrelo players.

Lawn Bowls Raffle

The draw of the raffle for a set of Lawn Bowls woods donated by Messrs Gilman and Co. in aid of the B.W.O.F. was made on Saturday by His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor, Mr. R. P. Phillips and Mr. A. Hyde-Lay.

The winning ticket is No. 533, held by a member of the Prison Officers' Club. It is understood that a sum of \$450 was raised.

this year with a throw of 166 ft 5 ins.

Among the sprinters, B. S. Wilson, W. S. Gegg and E. L. Clegg (Y.M.C.A.A.C.) have taken the eye with their times in the three-day Open Meet last week-end. Wilson crossed the 110 metres High hurdles in 16.3 secs; Gegg clocked 10.8 secs for the 100 metres, and Clegg ran the 400 metres in 53.4 secs.

These are really excellent times and are better than any produced last year.

Then in the Schools' events, A. P. Silva sped over the 200 metres in 24 secs dead—bettering last year's best by 0.8 secs—while A. Sandberg completed the 800 metres in 2 mins 13.4 secs.

Remarkable Figures
OF the distance runners, Pte Manson (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl Heather (Middlesex) top the field with very fine times, especially over the 1,500 metres and the mile.

Manson clocked 2 mins 11.2 secs for the Open 800 metres, but in the 1,500 metres lowered his last year's best of 4 mins 44.4 secs to 4 mins 37.2 secs. In the Army Area Championships, during the One Mile Team Race, Heather ran the mile in 4 mins 47 secs.

For Hongkong and in the May heat, these figures are remarkable.

Home Soccer

Rangers Beat Hearts For Scottish Cup

GLASGOW, May 17 (Reuter).—A crowd of 60,000 saw Glasgow Rangers, who scored twice in the last four minutes, beat Heart of Midlothian 4-2 to retain the Scottish Association Football Cup at Hampden Park. The Rangers' forwards were strong and thrustful. Venters and Smith scored within the first 20 minutes.

Hearts had some great attacking spells but finished weakly though Hamilton scored five minutes before half-time.

Hearts made a spirited defence in the second half. Hamilton equalised for them in the 25th minute after which there were equal mid-field exchanges until Thornton and Johnston scored for Rangers in the closing minutes.

Scotland To Have Summer Competition

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Summer football will be seen in Scotland now that plans have been completed for a Summer Cup competition, the prizes for which will be ten War Savings certificates for each member of the winning team.

Summer games are not strange to Scotland, where the junior teams play almost throughout the year, and while senior clubs have their close season there is always a public for the game, as proved by the tournament held in 1938 during the Glasgow Exhibition.

First Games in June

The new tournament's preliminary round will be on the home and away system; first round matches to be played on June 7 and 14, second round on June 21 and 28, leading to the semi-finals on July 5 and the final on July 12.

Scotland's League War Cup, which has proved highly successful, is due to finish to-day with the replayed final after last week's draw. The sixteen original participants, who also formed the Southern Scottish League, will take part in the Summer Cup competition.

China Davis Cup Player Coaching At Missouri U.

YIH CHEN, refugee tennis player from China, is helping coach the University of Missouri tennis team.

In the United States since 1938 on a student-teacher passport, Chen is studying at the University of Missouri.

Twenty-five years old, and holding three degrees already, he has accepted a position as instructor of the Tiger tennis team while studying for his Ph.D. in history.

Though not a full-time coach, Chen will try to give the Missouri players the full benefit of his wide knowledge of tennis. He has his work cut out for him, as Missouri, a member of the Big Six athletic conference, finished last in the team standings the past year.

He is a firm advocate of condition as a necessity in playing good tennis. Chen has his pupils take cross-country workouts to improve their endurance, and rope skipping to improve the individual player's footwork.

This is the first professional teaching he has done, confining most of his tennis experience to playing in international tournaments. Chen has a smooth-stroking game, and he can show the Show-Me players how to perform the fundamental strokes of the game.

Davis Cupper

Chen was a member of the 1930 Davis Cup team of China. He gave up his chance to play in the international matches in order to finish his college work at St. John's University in Shanghai. Later, in 1936 and in 1938 he went to England and competed individually in the leading continental tournaments. It was at these championships that he became prominent in international tennis.

In 1937 he was invited by the Japanese Government to play in the Japanese national tournament. A few days before the matches were to start, hostilities with China ended all thoughts of tennis.

He has played tennis only in his spare time since coming to the United States in 1938, giving up tournaments to pursue his studies.

The Chinese Davis Cup player lives in Columbia with his wife, Mei Li, who is the daughter of Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Minister of Information of China. Dr. Tong is a former student of the University of Missouri.



Chu Fook-sing (Combined Chinese) clearing the bar in the Pole Vault against the Army in the athletic meet at Caroline Hill yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Athletics

Army Beat Combined Chinese 32-22 On Caroline Hill Track

WINNING NINE of the twelve events on the programme, the Army beat the Combined Chinese by 32 points to 22 at their first athletic meeting, held at Caroline Hill track yesterday.

The Meet was most successful, despite the seeming military superiority, for on the track the Chinese gave good account of themselves.

Before presenting the "Chuk Hung Athletics Cup," which was donated by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung, well-known businessman, to Lieut. W. D. Pollock, Captain of the Army team, Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve said that the aim of the meeting was two-fold: (1) to raise the standard of athletics in the Colony, and (2) to improve the liaison between the Army and Chinese athletic associations.

Results

Following were the results:
400 metres relay—1. Army (Sgt March, Capt. P. G. Skelwith, Cnr Marshall); 2. Chinese (Lo Chit-to, Lau Chi-kin, Lai Chung-yul, Leung Man-sing). Time—48 2/5 secs.
Throwing the Discus—1. Army (Pte Lever, L/Cpl Wooyier); Chinese (Lo Chit-to, Suen Yue). Distance—55.20 metres.

400 metres hurdle relay—1. Army (Capt. P. G. Skelwith, Cnr Marshall, Lieut. W. D. Pollock, Sgt Halsey); 2. Chinese (Chan Tin-shau, Au Kit-man, Lui Kwan-choi, Yau Man-tul). Time—1 min 11 3/5 secs.

Putting the Weight—1. Army (Hav. Sargent Khan, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai); 2. Chinese (Chan Tin-shau, Au Kit-man, Lui Kwan-choi, Yau Man-tul). Distance—21.2 metres.

800 metres relay—1. Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen, Lo Chit-to, Chan Hong-shiu, Leung Man-sing); 2. Army (L/Cpl Bright, Cpl Matthews, Cpl Sten, L/Cpl Bendon). Time—1 min 42 2/5 secs.

Pole Vault—1. Chinese (Chu Fook-sing, Fong Chi-hung); 2. Army (Hav/Major Sander Singh, Pte Thomas). Height—10 ft 5 ins.

Throwing the Javelin—1. Army (Capt. Skelwith, Pte Lever, Cnr Marshall, Shun-tek, Tai Chun). Distance—30.3 metres.

1,500 metres team race—1. Army (Hav. Mohd Ali, Nk Sardara Singh, L/Nk Budh Singh, Gnr Johinder Singh); 2. Chinese (Chan Tin-shau, Au Kit-man, Lui Kwan-choi, Yau Man-tul). Time—4 min 35 3/5 secs.

1,000 metres relay—1. Army (L/Cpl Cocks, L/Cpl McGrady, Pte Goodair, Pte Williams); 2. Chinese (Cheng Chau, Sin Kheun, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai). Time 3 mins 48 2/5 secs.

High Jump—1. Chinese (Lam Hung-ching, Chan Shiu-wai); 2. Army (Capt. Skelwith, Cnr Marshall, Shun-tek, Tai Chun). Height—5 ft 4 ins.

Shot Put—1. Army (Hav. Karan Singh, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai); 2. Chinese (Lai Leung Lai-yung). Time—17 mins 17 3/5 secs.

Long Jump—1. Army (L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai, L/Nk Shing-wai); 2. Chinese (Lai Leung Lai-yung). Distance—20 ft 8 ins.

Football

Officials Resign From Association And Council

Mr. H. A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kossick, Civilian Representative, proffered their resignations from the Committee and from the Association when the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association met last night.

Mr. Beard gave ill-health as the reason for his decision. The meeting elected the following committee to act until the September annual general meeting: Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Glover, a.n.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. B. Marie, a.n.; Naval Representative, Mr. D. Mitchell; Army Representative, Mr. R. Crossman; and Civilian Representative, Mr. J. Silver.

League Lawn Bowls

Indian R.C. Provide Week-end Surprise

K. Tong Head Second Division

THOUGH FAILING narrowly to make a clean sweep when A. R. Dallah's four lost to A. M. Holland by two shots, Indian Recreation Club scored the outstanding win in the Lawn Bowls League over the week-end when they beat the Kowloon B.C.C. "A" 61-50 at Sookunpoo.

Kowloon Tong took the lead in the Second Division by one point over the Prison Officers when they had a clean sweep against the Hongkong C.C. at Chater Road. A. Jillot (P.O.C.) lost to J. A. Remedios (Recrelo) to provide the marginal difference.

In all, there were quite a few outstanding scores. Apart from five sixes, there were six rinks that failed to get into double figures, the lowest score being that of J. K. Sloan (Electric) against J. C. Aitken (Police) in the Third Division.

This was 36-0, and in the same match J. MacDonald (Police) beat A. F. Paul (Electric) 34-0! These were the two victories that gave the Police their startling win by 80-33 over the Electric, and created Third Division records.

In the First Division, J. McKelvie (K.B.C.C. "B") was able to top this low figure by one, losing 7-23 to R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.), and closely following were M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.) and J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.) who lost to J. J. Basto (Recrelo "B") and R. Duncan (K.B.C.C. "B") respectively by 8-20 and 9-23.

The sixes were scored by B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.) and C. G. Silva (Recrelo "A") in the first Division, W. J. Howard (K. Tong) and M. J. Medina (C.C.C.) in the Second Division, and by J. C. Aitken (Police) in the Third Division.

Prominent Rinks

Outstanding rinks victory in the First Division was undoubtedly that of J. Shepherd (Police) over C. G. Silva (Recrelo "A"). The latter lost his 100 per cent record in the skips tables.

On the last head before ten, Silva scored his six to lead 10-6. After the interval, this was maintained at 18-10 (13th head) but over the remaining ends, except for the 20th, Shepherd scored 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 3 to lead 21-18 at the 20th. Silva secured a two on the last head and lost by one shot.

The prominent skips of the Third Division—J. C. Aitken and N. MacDonald (Police)—scored on 16 of the 21 heads. Aitken at one period from 8-4 scored on the succeeding heads to lead 32-4 (17th end), while MacDonald was leading 25-2 on the 13th.

J. McKelvie's subjugation by R. Morrison in the First Division was completed over 14 ends. He scored seven singles for his total, and these were mainly in the opening phases of the game.

Entries For Bowls Championships

Intending participants are reminded that the entries for the Colony's Lawn Bowls Championships close on Monday, May 26.

Rifle Shooting

Sgt Russell Wins Police Championship

The Hongkong Police Rifle and Revolver Club held their final shoot of the season yesterday at the Talkoo Range.

Some excellent shooting was seen, though the stiff wind made conditions difficult at times. Prizes were presented by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police. The following were the results: Championship Competition—1. Sgt F. Russell 88; 2. Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P. 85; 3. Sgt G. G. Clarke 82. Novices' Competition—1. Hon. Mr. Pennefather-Evans 82; 2. Sgt F. Woodhead 77; 3. Sgt R. D. Paton 75. Other scores in the two competitions were:

Championship—Sgt W. Sargent 82; Sgt J. R. M. B. Wall 52; Sgt W. Gowans 70; Sgt F. Channing 78; and Sgt D. Wass 75. Novices—Sgt H. N. Moran 74; Sgt W. Sullivan 69; Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth 59; Sgt H. Ferris 55; Sgt C. Blackburn 58; and Sgt White 54.

Champion Loses Non-title Bout

NEW YORK, May 17 (UP).—Bob Montgomery, the rugged negro body-punching artist from Philadelphia, won his chance at two titles to-day by hammering out an easy ten-round decision over the Lightweight champion, Lev Jenkins, in an over-weight fight at Madison Square Garden.

Over 14,000 fans saw the bobbing, weaving negro turn the tables on Jenkins, who won a dispute decision over Montgomery in Philadelphia last September.

Montgomery was so impressive that he established himself as the outstanding challenger to Jenkins for the Lightweight crown; also for Fred Zivic's Welterweight title. Montgomery weighed 136½ lbs. and Jenkins 135.

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Cottage Club's Final Ride

The final paper hunt of the season of the Cottage Club held at Shennagah on Saturday was won by L. G. Perkins on Euston.

P. Bedford on Venture was second and Lieut. Cornet R. S. Young on Rastus was third.

Following the hunt, there was an open-air barbecue at which over 70 members and guests were present.

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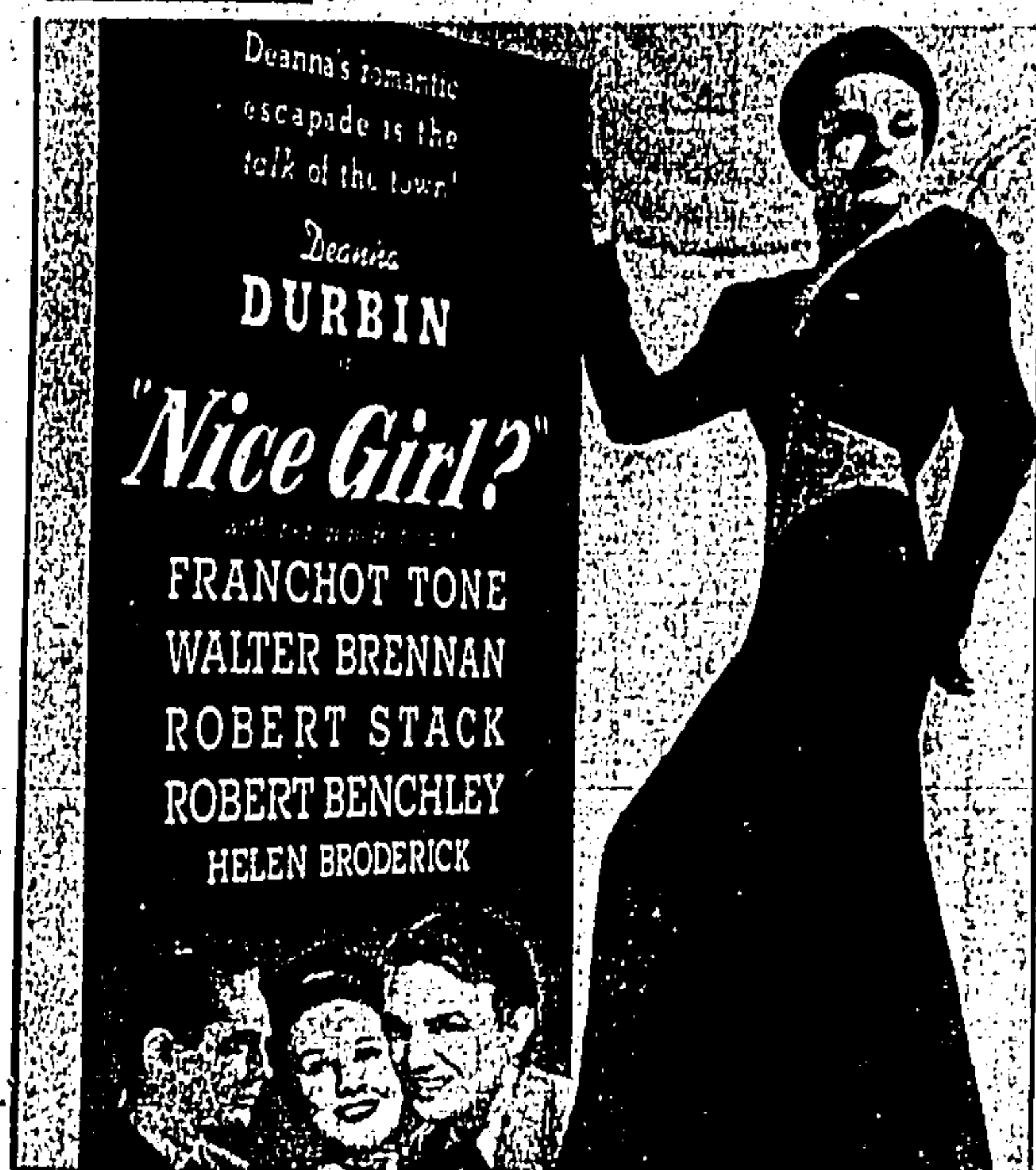
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Bible Expert Is To Die

Ludwig Curnack, chairman of the International Bible Society in Germany, has been sentenced to death by a Dresden tribunal. At the same time the tribunal imposed hard labour sentences on other members of the society, writes correspondent on the German frontier.

Adolf Rations Buttons

German button factories have been ordered to produce only buttons of a size authorised by the State. German women, says a correspondent on the German frontier, will now have to choose between eight sizes of buttons and four thicknesses. At the same time the production of horn imitation buttons has been prohibited.

America To Provide The Tools

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aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds for our own national existence."

Peace Conditions
Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr Cordell Hull said that these must include:

- (1) extreme nationalism must not again be permitted to express itself in excessive trade restrictions;
- (2) non-discrimination in international and commercial relations must be the rule so that international trade may grow and prosper;
- (3) raw materials and supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination;
- (4) international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples;
- (5) Institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they will aid essential enterprises and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.

Croatia Becomes An Italian Kingdom

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is to be included in Croatia. The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico in Dalmatia.

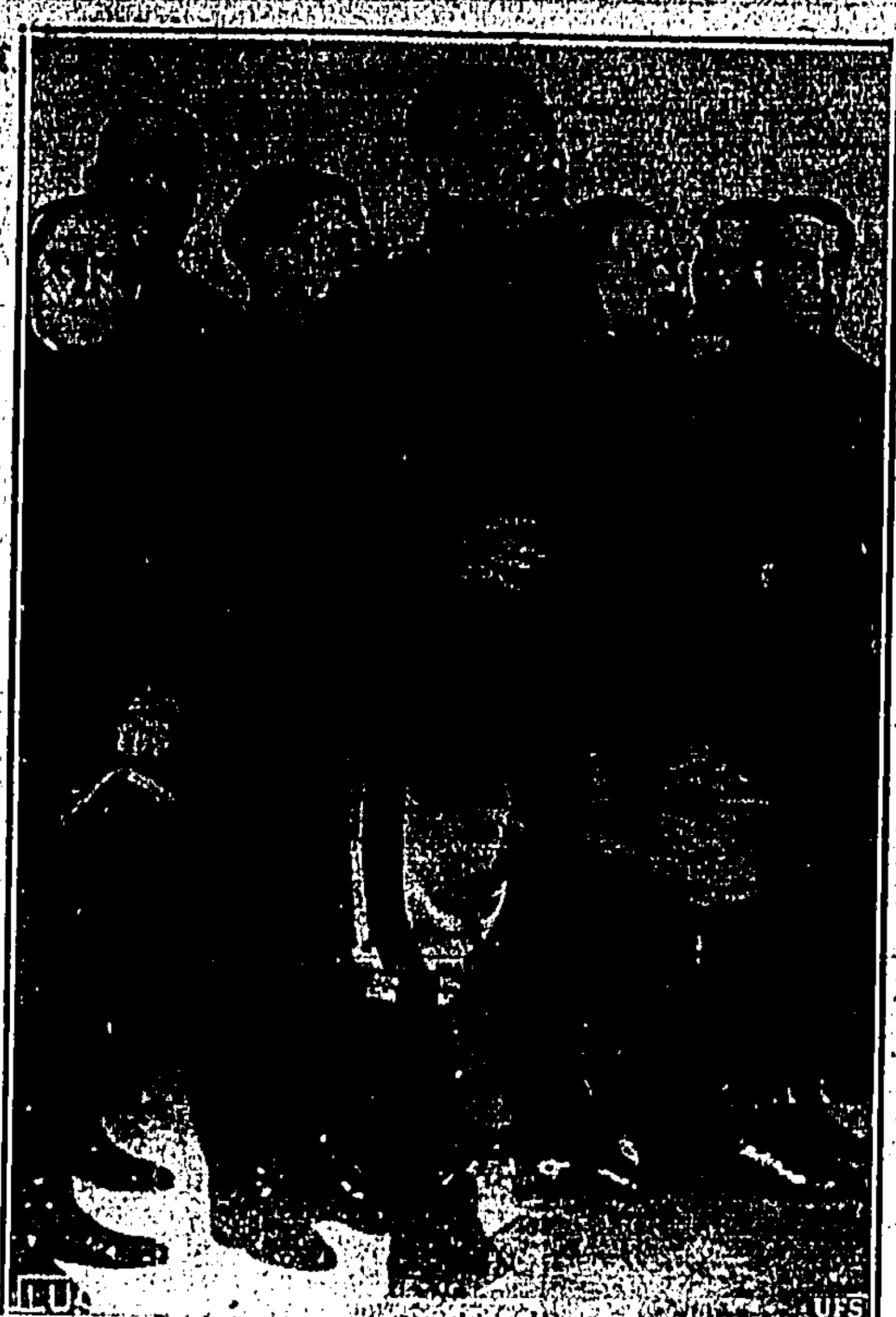
Agreement With Nazis
JERUSALEM, May 18 (Reuters).—Materials in exchange for compulsory labour service—this was the bargain struck between Pavelitch, the Croat leader with the Nazi authorities, according to reliable information reaching Croat circles in the Middle East.

Dispatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted.

In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing and spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.

LATE NEWS



EXPLAINING TO DO—Here is one of the few pictures received recently of Premier Mussolini of Italy. An Italian-approved caption states he is addressing the Council of Fascists in Rome. He probably had much explaining to do.

BELGIUM IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Camille Huysman's Suggestion

M. Camille Huysman, chairman of the Labour and Socialist International and former Speaker of the Belgian Chamber, told a "Daily Telegraph" reporter recently that he would like to see Belgium admitted to the British Commonwealth.

"The British Commonwealth," he said, "is looked upon by statesmen from the smaller nations now in this country as the nucleus of an even larger federation of democracies which could compel Germany to renounce aggression."

He told of an incident a few months before war broke out when he went to Hamburg to address a gathering of workers. "I was chosen by the Italian delegation to speak for the foreigners," he said, "and when I asked why Fascists should select me I was told they were all Socialists at heart. In the conference hall I was met by rounds of applause and sought an explanation. The chairman whispered 'They are all friends of yours.'"

Ukelele Ike In Bankruptcy

Cliff Edwards, the Ukelele Ike of stage, screen and radio, filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition recently. He said his liabilities totalled \$25,850 and his assets \$460 in personal property, including two ukeleles worth \$10.

EVERY CONSTABLE IS "DADDY"

The magistrate at Highgate, N., smiled when a husband told him: "I am a policeman and my baby son does not recognise me in plain clothes. But every policeman is 'daddy' to him."

No Cracker Firing In Singapore

The noise of exploding crackers can easily be mistaken for the sound of rifle fire or even of gun fire. Moreover, the noise of cracker firing can be used as a cover for the advance of troops and has been so used on more than one occasion during the wars of recent years in the Far East.

It is, therefore, necessary in wartime—or even, maybe, during a state of emergency when there is a possibility of invasion or air raids—to prohibit the firing of crackers and other fireworks and an order made under the Defence Regulations by the Governor will shortly be published in the Straits Settlements Gazette.

This order will not come into force immediately but only on a day to be notified in the Gazette. The purchase of fireworks will also be prohibited if the order comes into force. Similar orders will be made in the Federated and Unfederated Malay States and will be published in the Gazettes.

Woman Traps Family In P.O. Fraud Plot

In the little sub-post office where birthday cards and note-paper are sold at Garratt-lane, Earlsfield, S.W., you will find Miss Dora Ballard selling stamps—and you might not recognise in this dark-haired woman of thirty-five an astute detective who helped to trap red-handed the Pierce family—mother, father, son and daughter—who planned to rob the Savings Bank of £20,000 by forged bank books, writes a "Daily Express" reporter.

The family, who stood in a little group in the Old Bailey dock recently, heard the Common Serjeant pass sentence.

Arthur George Pierce, fifty-three, who forged the books, and printed faked identity cards and registration books for stolen cars on a second-hand treadle machine at his home in Auckland-road, South Norwood, received seven years. At one time he was chauffeur to the late Lord Snowden, Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer.

His wife, Hannah, fifty-three, who unsuccessfully pleaded "coercion" by her husband, received eighteen months.

The son, Harold, twenty-four, instrument maker, who made the fake Post Office date stamps, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

The daughter, Janet, eighteen, who had toured the country by car with her parents and withdrawn £297 by forged entries from the Post Office, had her sentence postponed.

At It Four Years
On January 20 and 21 this year the family, whose activities began nearly four years ago, succeeded in getting nearly £2000 from London post offices—that was until Miss Ballard came on the scene. She said:

"It was twenty to twelve on a Tuesday morning when a young man and woman came into the shop and asked for withdrawal forms. Both asked for £3 each. They handed over their deposit books and my boss, Mr Curtis George, had his suspicions aroused by the date stamp 'Whitstable 1937'—the ink was too fresh."

"We Had A Plan—"
"I had already paid the £3 to the girl when Mr George called me aside. We had made a plan years ago about what we would do in such a case. Mr George phoned the police."

"We asked them to wait a few minutes while an inquiry was made about their accounts, but they fled. I ran after them, shouting 'Police, stop!' The girl was already sitting in a car across the road, and the man was still running."

"I held the girl until the police came. The man stood tamely by the couple's pockets. About 170 home-printed Savings Bank books were in the car."

"And from that moment the game was up," said Miss Ballard. "I confess I was thrilled. I love my work as a clerk, but I've always thought I'd make a good policeman. I'd waited years for that moment. You see, we'd made that plan—and it worked!"

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Knave Menace To Nazis In Paris

Nazis Jailed Son, Blackmail Father

Reporting that the sale of large-size knives has been banned by the prefecture of police, a message from the Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" seems to hint that a modern version of the Apache is making life unpleasant for the Nazis. "The police gave no official explanation of the knife ban," he says, "but since no news of any knife crimes have been reported in Paris for many months it is supposed that Germany with the support of General Eugene Mittelhauser, the Nazis making life unpleasant for the Nazis. They then informed his father that he had better reconsider his decision. If he wanted his son back alive. M. Puaux capitulated, and issued the felonies about which the police have preferred to say nothing."

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DUKE OF AOSTA

KHARTUM, May 18 (Reuter).—Despite heavy mists and clouds surrounding the towering heights of Amba Alagi, South African and patriot forces from the south and British troops from the north have succeeded in completely surrounding the main enemy fortifications.

Splendid work has been done by British artillery and also by the South African and Rhodesian air forces and the R.A.F., all of which played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.15 a.m. on Friday, a representative of a section of junior Italian officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided that he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

An order to cease fire was arranged at 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known here what transpired after the cease fire.

Gondar Still Stands

With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender, it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

In any case, it is only a question of a short time before all the Italians will be rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bands of Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

Two Other Centres

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says "Reuter's" Military Correspondent.

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in Amba Alagi is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance, namely, the Gondar district southwest of Amba Alagi and the Lakes district which is about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in Abyssinia in order to keep a portion of the British Imperial forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and the Lakes areas.

Strength of Enemy

It is not known what the exact strength of the Italian forces in Abyssinia is. About a week ago it was estimated that there about 33,000 Italian and 30,000 native troops, but there has been no official information in regard to their disposition.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area, it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in the operations being brought to a close quickly in the other districts.

War Weapons Week Success

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Two days after it was launched, London's huge "War Weapons Week"—in which 62 boroughs are seeking £100,000,000—is already an assured success.

Although no definite figures were available to-night, official indications were that the aim would be surpassed.

FUTURE

Pointing out that much of the United States' foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr Cordell Hull declared that it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence was vital for their security.

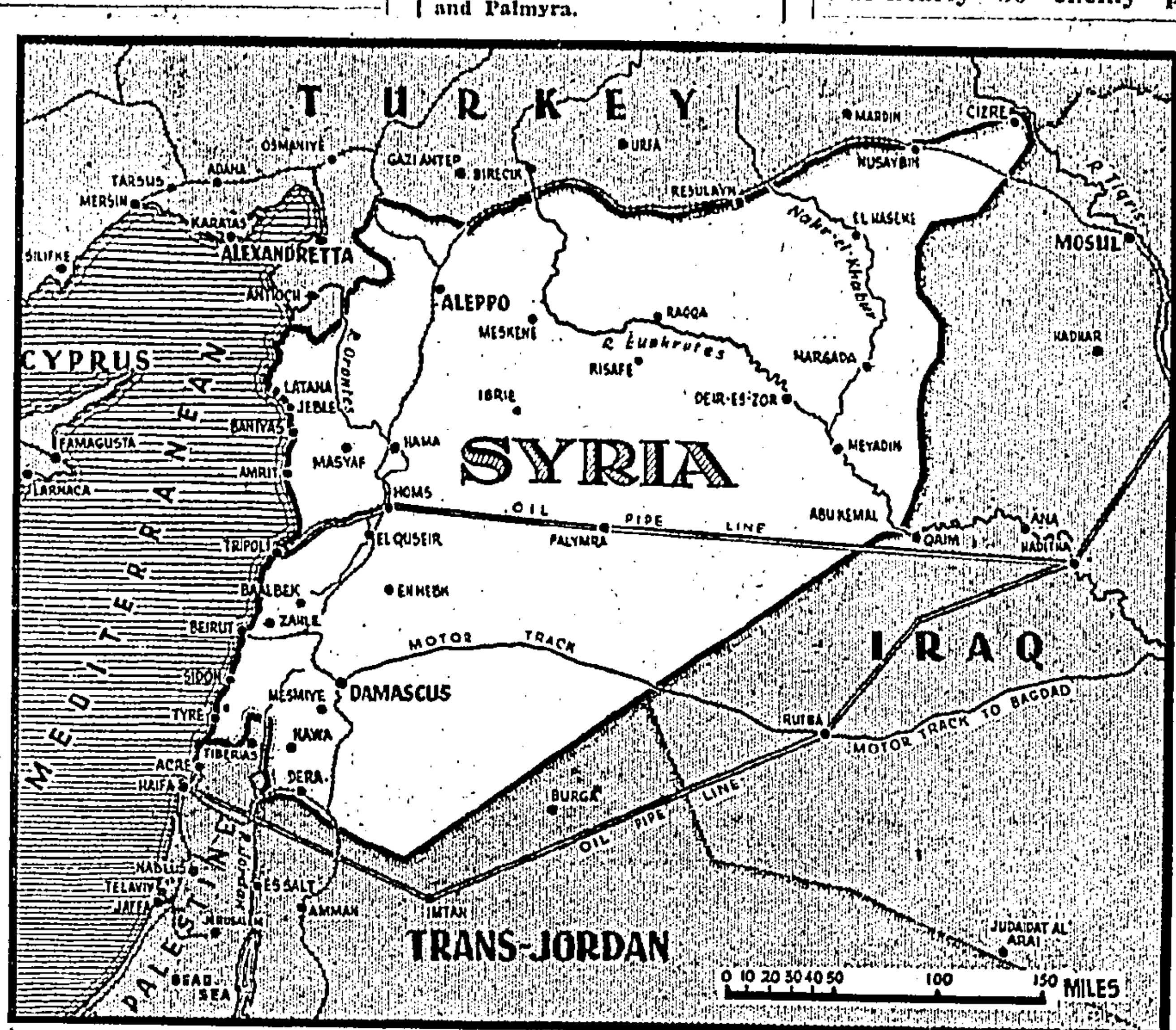
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Key Country In Near East

SYRIA—Population 2,050,000 domiciled permanently; 150,000 nomads. Population made up of Syrians, Arabs, Greeks, Jews, Christians, Kurds, Circassians, Berbers; and the notable Warrior Druses. Country's riches almost entirely agricultural. Capital: Beyrouth, where French High Commissioner lives. Syria is rich in history. Tyre, Sidon, Antioch, Damascus, Aleppo, are within its borders. It contains two of the most famous and beautiful ruins in the world: Baalbek and Palmyra.

Enemy Loses 50 Aeroplanes During Weekend

Special to the "Telegraph"
CAIRO, May 18 (UP).—The R.A.F. announced that nearly 50 enemy planes were destroyed in the

Near and Middle East to-day. Enemy planes bombed the Suez Canal area last night but there was no serious damage or casualties. Anti-aircraft guns destroyed two of the raiders which were fighter planes.

The R.A.F. bombed the Iraq aerodromes at Mosul and Raschid, and two Gladiators were shot down over the former and two Messerschmitts over the latter. Thereafter the R.A.F. bombers machine-gunned motor transport.

Severe German Losses

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter).—Twenty-one Nazi aircraft were destroyed by the R.A.F. in the Middle East in operations on Saturday night, ranging through Cilicia, Greece, Iraq, Abyssinia, the Suez Canal zone and Crete, according to to-day's communiqué.

In addition, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit at Hassan aerodrome in Greece.

Twenty vehicles were destroyed by five near Capuzzo.

North Africa Attacks

CAIRO, May 18 (Reuter).—Continued strafing of enemy bases is reported in an R.A.F. communiqué, which states that on the night of May 16-17, British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done.

A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target.

Derna and Gazala were also raided. At Derna, explosions, one of which

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Harbours Bombed By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 18 (UP).—According to to-day's Air Ministry communiqué, the Fleet Air Arm and the Coastal Bomber Command, bombarded French and Dutch harbours during the night while other bombers heavily again raided Cologne.

At Folkestone, explosions rocked the coast and concussion shook the houses as a result of the R.A.F. raids 25 miles distant. It is believed the British used their heaviest bombs, concentrating on targets between Calais and Cologne.

Sunday Free Of Raiders

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—To-day has been a quiet day as far as daylight air activity over Britain is concerned.

There has been slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland.

According to the Air Ministry, up to 7.30 p.m. there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.

Late Night Report

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Up to a late hour to-night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk.

PACIFIC DEFENCE FRONT

Australia And Dutch East Indies

SYDNEY, May 18 (Reuter).—Australia would not be over-awed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Sir Frederick Stewart, the Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech here to-day.

Sir Frederick said: "We want peace, but if any nation thinks that it can profit by our pre-occupation elsewhere, I can say that Australia is ready and able to defend herself."

"I cannot accept with equanimity Mr Matsuo's statement that he intends to work in the closest union with Germany."

Van Kieffens

WELLINGTON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kieffens, and the Minister for the Colonies, Dr I. J. M. Welter, have arrived at Auckland from Sydney en route for conversations with Cabinet Ministers here.

Dr van Kieffens said that if the Dutch East Indies were attacked, they would certainly fight and were well-prepared to defend themselves.

FIGHTING AT BASRA

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—British positions have been attacked at Basra by Iraqi rebels, and fierce fighting is in progress, according to the Rome radio quoting unconfirmed reports.

Special Jury to Hear The Chattey Case

A plea of "Not Guilty" was entered and an application for a Special Jury was made by the Hon. Mr Leo d'Almada Jnr., at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case of Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, Captain, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who is on a charge of committing an unnatural offence.

The case came up in the course of the taking of pleas by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is to prosecute and Mr d'Almada, instructed by Mr T. M. King, is defending the Defendant.

Mr Williams said that he had an application to make. Defendant was committed to the June Sessions and the application was for the case to be heard at the present Sessions. He understood that May 22 and 23 were suitable dates.

LATEST

VEILED THREAT FROM SYRIA

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—"The Army of the Orient, whose supreme commander is Marshal Pétain, and which enjoys the sympathy of the whole population, is ready to meet force with force," declared General Dentz, the Vichy Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Syria, in an announcement broadcast from Beirut.

General Dentz said that Britain had decided to oppose by force the German planes which landed in Syria. Marshal Pétain had already declared that France had no enmity towards England or her Empire.

"Yesterday's incidents do not mean the occupation of the country or interference in its affairs. They result purely from the application of the Armistice terms. This is the whole truth."

"France, Syria and Lebanon, which are bound together to-day more than ever in brotherly understanding, will not endanger their just cause by carrying out aggressive activity, the result of which will be sacrifice of innocent people here or elsewhere. I have been entrusted with the duty of defending this country and I shall

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America To Provide The Tools

Mr Cordell Hull's Assurances

NEW YORK, May 18 (Reuter).—Two important declarations on American policy were made by the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, in a nationwide broadcast to-night.

First, he asserted that America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Secondly, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace was re-established.

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Japanese Warships For Nazis?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 18 (UP).—The Army newspaper "Sao Tang Pao" to-day claimed that Japan and Germany have signed a secret agreement by which the Japanese will provide 70 warships to Germany to be used as Pacific raiders, with Japanese captains operating them under German Admiralty orders.

Nazis Lose 111 Planes In a Week

LONDON, May 18 (British Wireless).—Axis aircraft losses for the week ending at dusk yesterday totalled 111 against 14 of the R.A.F.

Over Britain and round the British coasts, the Germans lost 68 and the R.A.F. three. Over Germany and German-occupied territory, the Germans lost eight and the R.A.F. 21.

In the Middle East, Axis losses were 13 in the air and 22 on the ground while the R.A.F. lost 14.

The Navy meanwhile announced that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed by H.M. ships in the Mediterranean between May 6 and 12. One enemy plane was also destroyed by an H.M. ship on May 14 and, it is now confirmed, another was destroyed on May 4.

LONDON, May 18 (British Wireless).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler, Sursarion, and H.M. drifter, Uberty, have been sunk.

Mails Arrive Safely

But Two Consignments Are Overdue

Except for two consignments, all recent mail from London to Hongkong have arrived safely.

The two dispatches which have not arrived are one sent via Cape Town by British Overseas Airways bearing London date between March 4 and 10, and one surface dispatch via the Atlantic and Pacific bearing London date between April 13 and 20.

The Postmaster-General, Mr E. I. Wynne-Jones, said this morning that he had not received news that these mails were lost, and he could only conclude that they had been delayed en route.

He pointed out that often one ship overtakes another on the way, and also that sometimes mail is transferred in America to round-the-world liners which usually call at more ports than a direct steamer.

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Regarding outward mail, the Postmaster-General said he had not heard of any loss.

Croatia Becomes An Italian Kingdom

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced in Rome to-day.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia.

Il Duce described the Croatian Oustachi (Terrorist) Organisation as the "armed" guard of the Croat Revolution and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation.

Terms of Treaty
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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

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Chamber of Commerce. Difficulties in getting imports owing to the scarcity of ships and restrictions were mentioned by Mr J. K. Bousfield, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Mr Bousfield also spoke of the increasing importance of the local industries, particularly shipbuilding, cement making and sugar refining, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the commerce of the Colony had kept up remarkably well during the year under review.

Referring to the Delhi Conference which, he said, had opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East as to the possibilities of Hongkong, he expressed the hope that one result of that Conference would be to accelerate the growth of the Colony's productivity.

The Hon. Mr Stanley H. Dodwell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr G. Miskin as Vice-Chairman.

Former Resident Dies. News of the death of Edith, wife of Mr Daniel John Lewis, formerly of Hongkong, was received by cable in the Colony to-day.

Mr Lewis was first Chairman of the Ladies Advisory Committee of the Cheero Club, and remained Chairman until 1934.

Mr Lewis was generally reckoned a multi-millionaire, and his rise from comparative poverty was quoted as an example of unaided business enterprise.

Born near Canton, 64 years ago, Mr Eu inherited a small legacy which enabled him to migrate to Singapore where he laid the foundation of his immense fortune. His first money was made by dealing in patent medicines but later he opened a money exchange in his drug store branches and earned steady commissions on the remittances sent by Chinese in Malaya to their native villages.

The major portion of his fortune, however, came from wise land purchases in Malaya. When the tin boom broke there, rich deposits were found on his land and he owned many mines outright.

Mr Eu travelled extensively in middle age but resided mainly in Malaya in a marble villa said to have cost \$1,000,000, Straits currency.

Moving to Hongkong in 1927, Mr Eu began investing in real estate and building palatial castles for his family and modern apartments for himself. A popular legend, denied by Mr Eu, was that he had been told by a soothsayer that he would continue living as long as he continued building.

Two celebrated landmarks in the Colony were his castles "Euston" and "Eucliff" in Bonham Road and Repulse Bay Road. Built of the finest materials and decorated largely with expensive fittings imported from the Continent, these homes were said to have cost more than \$500,000 each.

On a similar scale of grandeur was his Taiipo castle where he died.

Big Property Owner. Among his real estate holdings were "Eu Gardens," a block of up-to-date apartments in Argyle Street, Kowloon, and similar blocks in Blue Pool Road, Wengmehong and Repulse Bay Road.

An enthusiastic racing supporter, Mr Eu was a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club, attended practically every meeting and ran the Colony's biggest stable of ponies, many of which had carried his colours to victory.

His interests in racing began about five years ago. His first ponies were named Rose but later he secured several Eve ponies when the Sasson stable was sold two years ago. His interests in racing was, however, purely recreational, for his stable winnings, although frequent, were only a portion of the upkeep of his long string.

Mr Eu had contributed to several charitable and public institutions. A life member of the Court of the University, he had made the institute several donations including one for the erection of the gymnasium which now bears his name. The Police Club in Boundary Street was built largely through his efforts, he had fitted out two clinics for the Anti-Tuberculosis Association and a gift had enabled the formation of A.L.P. Clubs throughout the Colony. In the last war he gave a fleet of tanks and an aeroplane to the Allies.

In recent years Mr Eu had retired from public office, although in his younger days he had been a member of the Federated Malay States Council.

Mr Eu leaves a widow and several children. Two of his sons, Messrs Eu Keng-loon and W. K. Y. Eu were married in 1939 to Miss Nancy Kan, daughter of Mr Kan Tong-po, Chief Magistrate of the Bank of East Asia, and Miss May Shum.

Flight Rice Profiters. The two depots opened by the social work Committee to control the price of rice, under Government auspices, have met with instant success, and already many rice firms in the Colony have reduced their prices in an effort to compete with the depots, it is reported.

This was revealed by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Director of the Committee to-day, when he said that the main object of the scheme was to protect the poor from the high prices being charged by some shops at the present time.

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For The Bomber Fund. The proceeds arising from the recent production at the Kowloon Cricket Club of "Boy Meets Girl," amounted to \$1,800, of this the Committee allotted \$1,400 to the South China Morning Post War Fund and \$400 to the B. W. O. F. Cheques have been forwarded to these organisations.

The three stage plays "Orders is Orders," "Someone at the Door" and "Boy Meets Girl," all produced within the last twelve months have, therefore, brought in a total of \$4,200 of which all but the \$400 mentioned above has been allotted to the Bomber Fund.

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The handpopping was very good and several close finishes were seen. Closest race of the evening was in the 75 yards medley in which J. Roberts snatched a fine victory from F. Willis to whom he conceded five seconds. A. F. May and L. A. Bens were seen in a fairly exciting 220 yards. The former surged ahead in the last few lengths to win by four seconds.

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The late Mr Hynes joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps in London in the early days of the war but was invalided out. Later he met Mr E. D. C. Wolfe, former Inspector-General of Police in the Colony, at whose invitation he became an Air Raid Warden in Kensington. As news of Mr Hynes' death was received on Monday, it is presumed that he was a victim of the German air blitz on London on Saturday night.

The late Mr Hynes leaves two sons, Desmond and Brian, who are employed in the Post Office, one daughter, Mrs Patsy Stott in the Colony and another, Mrs Mansell-Dyer, who is in Cornwall, England. As Aileen Hynes had appeared in leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan Opera with the d'Oyly Carte Company.

The late Mr Hynes, who was 61 years of age, came to Hongkong on September 14, 1904, and joined the Police Force in November of that year after holding several other positions. Two years later he joined the Sanitary Department and in 1907 was appointed Acting First-Class Inspector, Animal Depot and Slaughter House. From July 9, 1913, to March 6, 1914, he was Acting Inspector-in-Charge and in May, 1914, became Superintendent of Mails at the General Post Office, a post he held until his retirement in May, 1936.

Born in New Zealand, the late Mr Hynes served in the Boer War, and after being in the Transvaal throughout that war he settled on the land in South Africa. This not proving a success he joined the Police Force in the Transvaal. In 1904 he left to come to Hongkong where he remained until his retirement except for twice visiting New Zealand and going to England a number of times on leave.

Mr J. B. Bickerstaff.—The funeral of the late Mr James Dowie Bickerstaff, 36, land bailiff of the Public Works Department, who was found shot at his residence in Prince Edward Road on Wednesday, was held at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, to-day. The Rev. K. MacKenzie-Dow officiated.

Among those present were Mr J. Riddell and Mr J. A. Fraser (chief mourners), the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, Mr B. H. C. Hallows, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, Inspector A. Kirby, Mr and Mrs S. A. Fowler.

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Mr Carrie said that he had prepared a tentative scale of charges, but, as some members of the Urban Council seemed to have "a little difference of opinion," the matter would be brought up at the fortnightly meeting of the Council next Tuesday, when it would be thoroughly discussed. The charges, he added, would be made against the landlords as ratepayers, but they in turn would have the right to pass them on to the tenants as the services were actually rendered to the latter.

As regards the number of carriers employed by Government, Mr Carrie stated that the total was 1,950 and there were no vacancies at present. No further representations had been received since the announcement by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, in the Legislative Council a fortnight ago, that no reversal of general policy would be considered on the other hand, about 100 to 150 coolies, apparently from those who took part in the protests, had registered and had been placed on the waiting list.

Number of Former Carriers. Asked how many former carriers had been taken into employment, Mr Carrie said that it was difficult to say as everyone could claim they had been in the trade before, but as far as he knew there were about 20 per cent. He emphasised that every effort had previously been made to induce persons employed on nightsoil collection to apply for employment in the Government, and that they were

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Medals in the Second and J. C. Aiken in the Third.

Two new record low aggregates for the First and Third Divisions were created. J. McKelvie's rink were responsible for where things could be regarded as having settled down, 7,400 buckets were collected.

On the first night Government took considerable increase in the number of buckets collected. Under the old system the average daily collection was 3,800 buckets whereas on the seventh night of the change-over, when things could be regarded as having settled down, 7,400 buckets were collected.

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DEATH

RODRIGUES.—On May 19, 1941, Carlos Augusto de Carvalho Rodrigues, of 130, Austin Road, Kowloon, at the age of 51. Funeral passes the Monument to-day at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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SQUARE DEAL FOR DOCKERS

MR Ernest Bevin's bold scheme for securing a quicker turn round of ships in port is something more than a necessary step to counter Hitler's threat of an intensified submarine campaign against British shipping; it is also a great measure of reform which will give the dockers a square deal.

For over twenty years the evil of casual labour at the docks has stood condemned, and the abolition of the system has been demanded by the organised workers. The registration of dock workers was a step in the right direction, but the obvious next step of a guaranteed week seemed hard to take.

Now Mr Bevin has gone even farther. Faced with the vital fact that the maintenance of an adequate food supply depends to a very large extent on securing a much accelerated turn-round of ships, he has produced a scheme which will achieve this purpose and put dock workers on a higher level than they have ever been in peace-time. The Minister of Transport is to become the employer of all the registered dock workers in Liverpool (including Birkenhead), Manchester, Preston, Garston, Bromborough, Ellesmere Port, Parlington, Widnes, Runcorn and Weston Point. The dock workers of the Clyde area are to be included in the scheme later. All the workers thus put in State employment will be engaged on a guaranteed weekly basis. The guaranteed minimum payment will be for eleven turns a week at the agreed port rates. Each turn will consist of four hours, day or night. There will be extra pay for Saturday afternoon and Sunday work. Wages are to be paid on Thursdays. Canteens are to be established at all docks and reserves of food will be available for the workers.

As Mr Bevin said in outlining the scheme, the new conditions of employment will give dock workers security, adequate payment for the job, and the assurance that their labour is being used efficiently. The men will be working for the community and to win the war. Much of what is being done

No More Peroxide Blondes

It looks as if the war is going to cause a shortage of blondes. Peroxide is getting scarce, says a United Press dispatch from Hollywood.

Red fingernails also are likely to disappear. The goo that makes them red is being used to make high explosives. Permanent-wave solutions that make curly hair contain sodium and potassium, which the U.S. Government is commandeering for gun powder.

Max Factor, Jr., who gilds the Hollywood lilies, said that almost every chemical that goes on a woman's face to make it beautiful is indispensable to men bent on killing each other.

Chemical Shortage

"All the big cosmetic houses have attempted to lay in supplies of as many things as they can," he said. "It won't be long before we, and our customers, will feel the chemical shortage."

Bromine and chlorine, used in lipstick, make poison gas. The colours themselves are being commandeered by the defence forces to paint tanks.

Finger and toe nail polishes consist primarily of nitro-cellulose, a gooey mixture needed in high explosives.

Mr Factor said blondes who depend on peroxide will become brunettes, unless the war ends soon, while those women who credit vanishing cream for their smooth skins will be using synthetic glycerine without ever knowing it.

Steam For Waves

"Face powder's base is talc, which come from mines in Italy and France," Mr Factor said. "The supply in this country is nearing exhaustion."

"Eastern capital is developing talc deposits right here in California and in another year or so all face powders will be made of American talc."

Mr Factor said that alkalies, used to soften the hair for permanent waves, is now nearly exhausted. An attempt is being made to replace this process with live steam.

Nazi Spy Ring Discovered

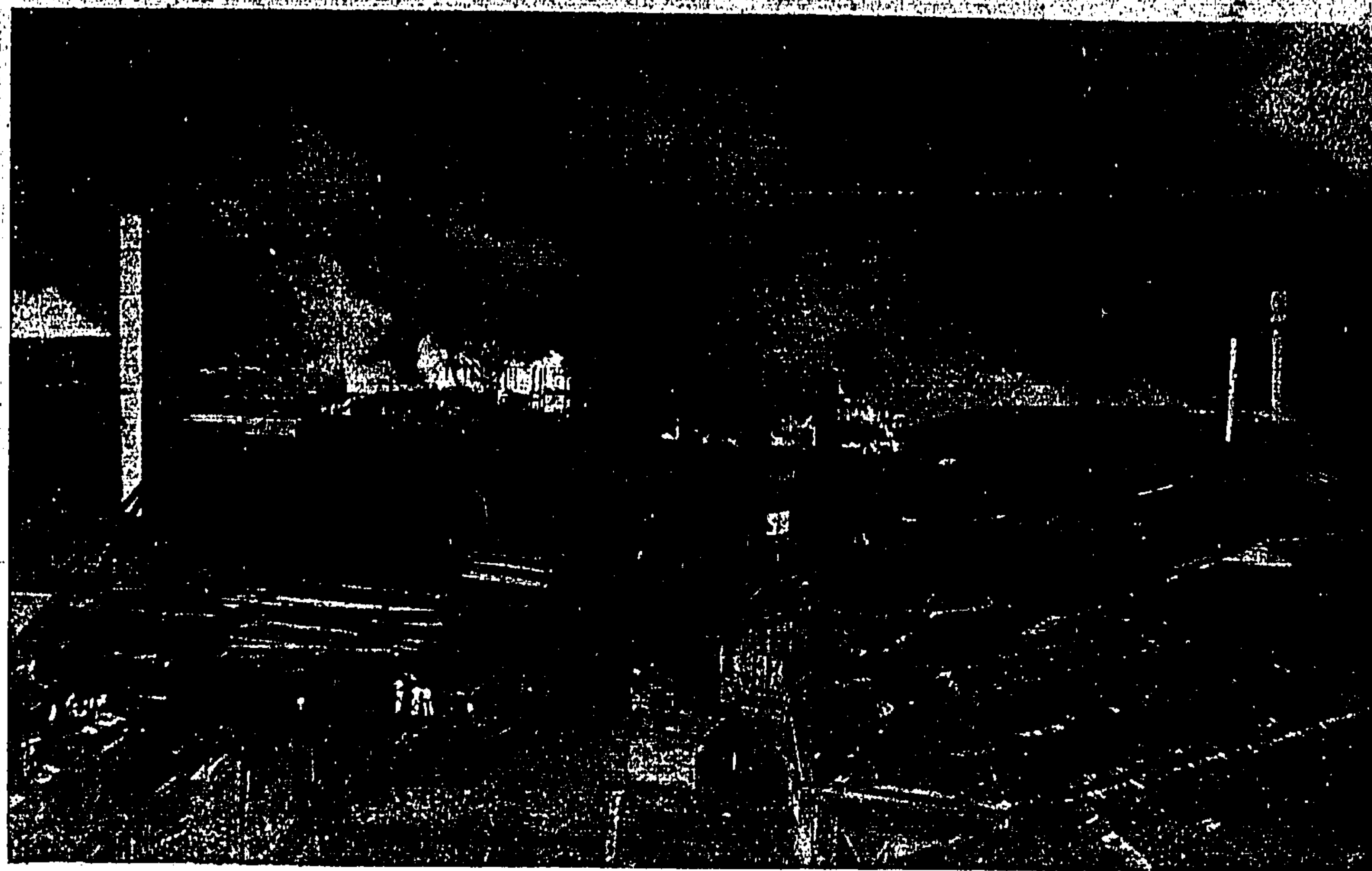
A vast Nazi spy ring has been discovered in Cuba, and many arrests have been made, says the B.B.C.

Arms, plans of Cuban military and naval posts and strategic roads, and detailed descriptions of U.S. naval stations have been seized.

Those arrested include a German army officer who, the police state, has been active in the Caribbean zone for several months. He will be tried under the recently enacted Cuban Defence Act.

under the stress of war may be subject to revision when war ends; but when victory is secured, those measures which have made for efficiency and an improvement in the condition of the people must remain part of Britain's national life.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANILA



A huge area in the suburbs of Manila, near the Pasay River, was devastated on the afternoon of May 3 by a fire which swept out of control in a steady wind, engulfing the wooden houses of the Filipinos at the rate of one a minute for several hours and rendering more than 6,000 persons homeless. About 40 blocks, wherein were over 1,000 homes, were destroyed. Fortunately, the death toll was low, only three or four persons being killed, but several people were injured. These pictures just received, show the conflagration at its height, and the shambles that was seen the morning after the catastrophe. (Photos by Airport Studio, Manila, through Sun Ying Ming).



DISILLUSIONED NAZI

"SCRUTINEER" writes on the
Flight of RUDOLF HESS

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland was the outstanding event of last week, but that does not do justice to its importance.

It is so startling that one finds it difficult to understand it, for nothing similar could possibly happen in England. If we sought a parallel, in imagination, it would be for Ernest Bevin to fly to Berlin and announce his arrival by saying he was revolted by what he had been doing and that his conscience would not permit him to do it any longer. We would feel, in that case, that the bottom had fallen out of our system, and that what we were fighting for was obviously immoral and degrading.

If Bevin, who is in the centre of things, felt that way about it, then he humble layman, with his faith shattered, would go about his job of fire-fighting and such things in a hazy condition. His heart would no longer be in it, and the fighting forces, too, would be infected with doubt about the worthiness of British aims.

That is the position of Hess. The first reaction, then, is one of astonishment at the incident, then amusement because of Hitler's discomfiture, and then a certain amount of sympathy for Hess. Clearly he is not in the same category as a Goebbels who sells his country in order to buy a position of importance. Hess steps down from being deputy Fuehrer into obscurity. It may be said that he is seeking safety, knowing that his life was in danger, but that Nazism was due to his conviction that Nazism was a horrible and evil system, and apparently he could not remain indifferent any longer.

The choice of his place of escape is a deep insult to Germany, as it is a compliment to Britain, for it shows quite clearly that only in Britain would he find that decent and wholesome life which is so conspicuously lacking in his own country.

Many German exiles of course, have said the same thing, but their testimony, though honest and reliable, could not carry the same conviction as that of Hess, who held the highest office and knew the Nazi system from A to Z.

He was on intimate terms with everyone of the leaders, knew their characters and was aware of every act. That experience, starting in high hopes and a firm faith in National Socialism, has ended in disillusionment and disappointment. He revolts against it but he does not plot or intrigue against his immediate leader. He quietly withdraws.

Had he plotted he would have been accused of personal ambition, and whatever his aims the Germans would have felt they were dishonourable. By abdicating in this dramatic way, he most convincingly shows his abhorrence of the policy which is bound to lead to disaster. His action carries conviction because of the extent of the sacrifice he has made.

It will have no immediate outward effect. On the contrary, it might stimulate Hitler, Goebbels and Ribbentrop in their evil courses, seeing that Hess must have been in recent months a half-hearted supporter of the Nazi regime; but it cannot be doubted that in the long run this desertion will have to be explained to the German people, who even now must be trying to find an answer.

Catch phrases about insanity, astrophysics and physical sickness will not satisfy the thinking part of the population. Goebbels, in spite of his crude propaganda methods, will merely make such people more suspicious. They will want to know why the deputy Fuehrer, chosen by

Hitler for his courage, common sense, physical vigour and deep loyalty to the National Socialist cause, should abandon his country. If it provokes the German into thinking, as it must, then Nazism is doomed, for it is now discredited.

The importance of Hess is clearly brought out in the following extract from the "Niedersaechsische Tageszeitung" of Jan. 18, 1941:

"There is now law or executive order—it is quite immaterial from which Ministry it might come and which subject it might concern—which has not first passed through the office of the Deputy of the Fuehrer and been examined there. No country in the world knows of such an office of control which has the special duty to see to it that the basic principles of the National Socialist Party are reflected in each law and order passed by the State, and that they are couched in a language so as not to disturb the natural feeling of the people."

"Rudolf Hess does not issue any State laws himself, and yet all the orders issued by the various Ministries bear the stamp of his collaboration, frequently even his own counter-signature. Because of the fact that the inner political work of all the State authorities goes through his hands, and that, besides, he examines the credentials of all the officials whom the Fuehrer wishes to appoint, the National Socialist Party is already included in the leadership of the State."

"What the Fuehrer cannot do himself, Rudolf Hess examines in his stead. As deputy of the Fuehrer with executive powers within the National Socialist Party and all its sub-organisations, Rudolf Hess gives the final decision in the name of the Fuehrer. The place to which Adolf Hitler has appointed his former private secretary after the State leadership had been taken over by the National Socialist Movement, must therefore be looked upon as the narrow gateway through which alone access can be gained to the life of the German people."



MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China A.A. Sponsors Athletics

Keen Response Indicates Need For Local Association

Fine Standard Revealed

(By ("Tinker"))

IF, AS IT SHOULD, a Hongkong Athletic Association emerges from the present spate of athletic activity in the Colony, greatest credit for the revival of this long defunct body will be due to the initiative shown by the South China Athletic Association in their care for track sports over the past two years.

Together with their consideration for the welfare of their own members, the Association have unselfishly entertained a regard for those athletes outside their sphere, but who were deprived of competition, and not only have Open events been included in their own Meets, but Open Meets organised for the sole benefit of these others.

And it would be most ungenerous to give the Sports Committee of the South China A.A. a title less credit than they deserve.

For two years now, and at convenient intervals, their ground has been opened to public competitions, and these have required quite some organisation, for they have not been one-day meetings but have extended over two and three days.

Response, too, has been good and it has shown one or two things. First, that outside sportsmen have appreciated South China's efforts, and, second, that these same people have avidly accepted the opportunity of taking part in games which, in Hongkong's stagnation, would otherwise have been refused them.

There is a need for a Hongkong Athletic Association. It increases as time goes by, for though in previous years, too, it has been apparent, there was not the enthusiasm that is being shown at the moment.

The "Keep Fit" movement that has spread throughout the Empire has found Hongkong lacking in headquarters. Arguments that football, hockey, tennis and cricket are sufficient for this are weak in the respect that the training for these games is not of the same quality as that required for athletics. The finest developed men are to be found around the cinder-track and on the field, for in the variety of events practically every muscle in the body is called into play.

Standard High Enough

THERE is no doubt but that standards are encouraging. There is a lot of talent in the Army, as has been revealed in the two recent contests held at Shumshuipo. There are runners of quality among the civilians as has been shown in the three-day Schools and Open Meet held at Caroline Hill last week-end.

Against good performances is the weather—especially right now—while the general quality of tracks here is not in the Al class.

Outstanding performances to date have been those of the Army javelin throwers and jumpers, the Y.M.C.A.'s newly formed Athletic Club, and Pte Manson of the Royal Scots. Pte Lever (Middlesex) held the field in the javelin throw last year with 177 feet. This has not been bettered this year—his best having been 173 ft 11½ inches at the Combined R.A. v. M.S.E.-Rajput Meet—but Bdr Pigeon (12th Coastal Battery) took the Army title from Lever.

Tennis League Starts To-day

FIRST DIVISION tennis League matches open the League programme to-day. These will be:

C.R.C. v. University
Recreio v. S. China A.A.
H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.

It is possible, however, that the Recreio-S.C.A.A. match will be postponed owing to Volunteer duties commanding the services of many of the Recreio players.

Lawn Bowls Raffle

The draw of the raffle for a set of Lawn Bowls woods donated by Messrs Gilman and Co. in aid of the B.W.O.F. was made on Saturday by His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor, Mr. R. P. Phillips and Mr. A. Hyde-Lay.

The winning ticket is No. 533, held by a member of the Prison Officers' Club. It is understood that a sum of \$450 was raised.

This year with a throw of 166 ft 3 ins. Among the sprinters, B. S. Wilson, W. S. Gegg and E. L. Clerge (Y.M.C.A.A.C.) have taken the eye with their times in the three-day Open Meet last week-end. Wilson crossed the 110 metres High Hurdles in 16.3 secs; Gegg clocked 10.8 secs for the 100 metres, and Clerge ran the 400 metres in 53.4 secs.

These are really excellent times and are better than any produced last year.

Then in the Schools' events, A. P. Silva sped over the 200 metres in 24 secs—bettering last year's best by 0.6 secs—while A. Sandberg completed the 800 metres in 2 mins 13.4 secs.

Remarkable Figures

OF the distance runners, Pte Manson (Royal Scots) and L/Cpl Heather (Middlesex) top the field with very fine times, especially over the 1,500 metres and the mile.

Manson clocked 2 mins 11.2 secs for the Open 800 metres, but in the 1,500 metres lowered his last year's best of 4 mins 44.4 secs to 4 mins 27.2 secs. In the Army Area Championships, during the One Mile Team Race, Heather ran the mile in 4 mins 47 secs.

For Hongkong and in the May heat, these figures are remarkable.

Home Soccer

Rangers Beat Hearts For Scottish Cup

GLASGOW, May 17 (Reuter).—A crowd of 60,000 saw Glasgow Rangers, who scored twice in the last four minutes, beat Heart of Midlothian 4-2 to retain the Scottish Association Football Cup at Hampden Park. The Rangers' forwards were strong and thrustful. Venters and Smith scored within the first 20 minutes.

Hearts had some great attacking spells but finished weakly though Hamilton scored five minutes before half-time.

Hearts made a spirited defence in the second half. Hamilton equalised for them in the 25th minute after which there were equal mid-field exchanges until Thomson and Johnston scored for Rangers in the closing minutes.

Scotland To Have Summer Competition

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Summer football will be seen in Scotland now that plans have been completed for a Summer Cup competition, the prizes for which will be ten War Savings certificates for each member of the winning team.

Summer games are not strange to Scotland, where the junior teams play almost throughout the year, and while senior clubs have their close season there is always a public for the game, as proved by the tournament held in 1938 during the Glasgow Exhibition.

First Games in June

The new tournament's preliminary round will be on the home and away system. First round matches to be played on June 7 and 14, second round on June 21 and 28, leading to the semi-finals on July 5 and the final on July 12.

Scotland's League War Cup, which has proved highly successful, is due to finish to-day with the replayed final after last week's draw. The sixteen original participants, who also formed the Southern Scottish League, will take part in the Summer Cup competition.

China Davis Cup Player Coaching At Missouri U.

YIH CHEN, refugee tennis player from China, is helping coach the University of Missouri tennis team.

In the United States since 1938 on a student-teacher passport, Chen is studying at the University of Missouri.

Twenty-five years old, and holding three degrees already, he has accepted a position as instructor of the Tiger tennis team while studying for his Ph.D. in history.

Though not a full-time coach, Chen will try to give the Missouri players the full benefit of his wide knowledge of tennis. He has his work cut out for him, as Missouri, a member of the Big Six athletic conference, finished last in the team standings the past year.

He is a firm advocate of condition as a necessity in playing good tennis. Chen has his pupils take cross-country workouts to improve their endurance, and rope skipping to improve the individual player's footwork.

This is the first professional teaching he has done, confining most of his tennis experience to playing in international tournaments. Chen has a smooth-stroking game, and he can show the Show-Me players how to perform the fundamental strokes of the game.

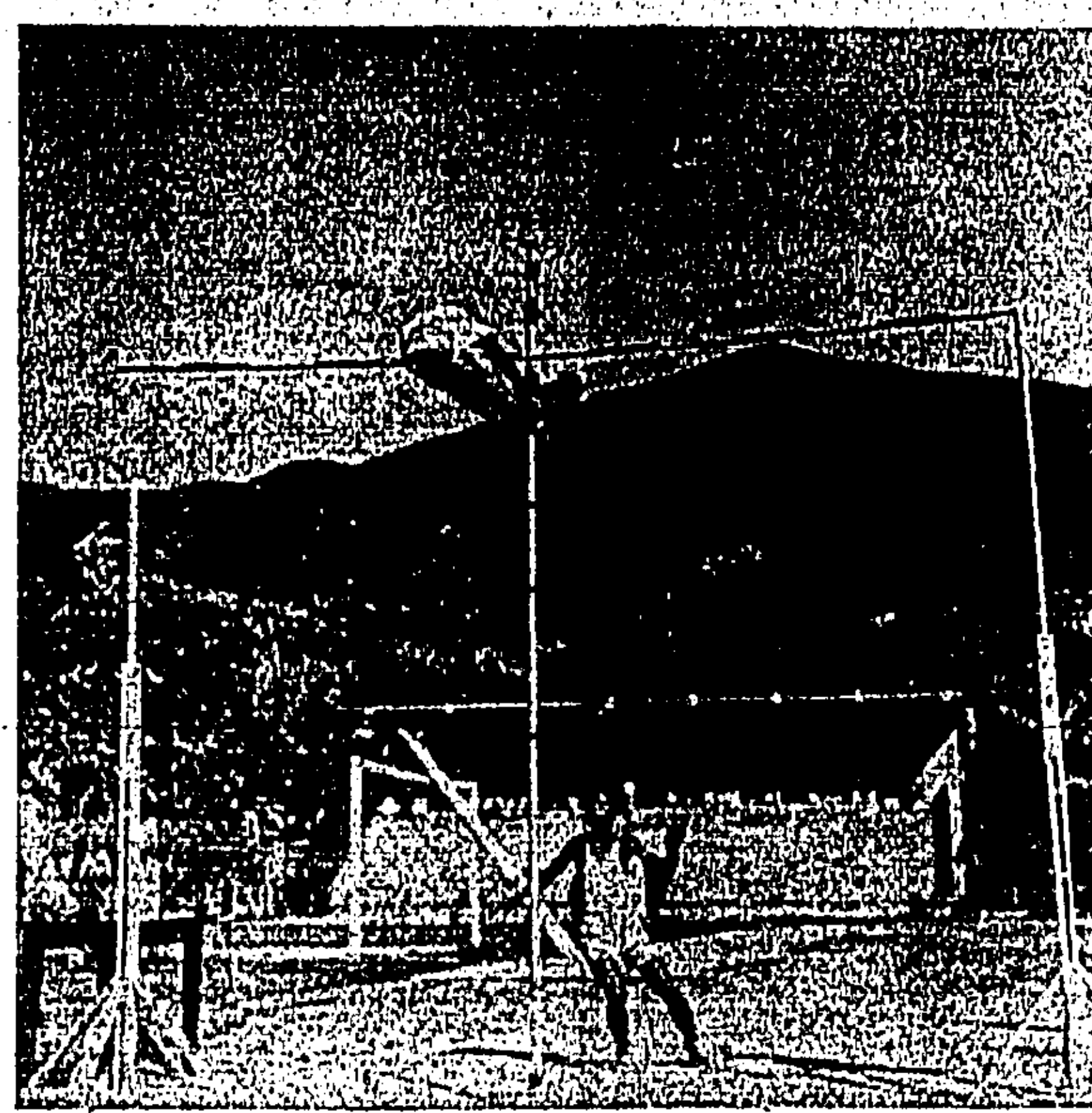
Davis Cupper

Chen was a member of the 1936 Davis Cup team of China. He gave up his chance to play in the international matches in order to finish his college work at St. John's University in Shanghai. Later in 1938 and in 1939 he went to England and competed individually in the leading continental tournaments. It was at these championships that he became prominent in international tennis.

In 1937 he was invited by the Japanese Government to play in Japan's national tournament. A few days before the matches were to start, hostilities with China ended all thoughts of tennis.

He has played tennis only in his spare time since coming to the United States in 1938, giving up tournaments to pursue his studies.

The Chinese Davis Cup player lives in Columbia with his wife, Mei Li, who is the daughter of Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Minister of Information of China. Dr. Tong is a former student of the University of Missouri.



Chu Fook-sing (Combined Chinese) clearing the bar in the Pole Vault against the Army in the athletic meet at Caroline Hill yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Athletics

Army Beat Combined Chinese 32-22 On Caroline Hill Track

WINNING NINE of the twelve events on the programme, the Army beat the Combined Chinese by 32 points to 22 at their first athletic meeting, held at Caroline Hill track yesterday.

The Meet was most successful, despite the seeming military superiority, for on the track the Chinese gave good account of themselves.

Before presenting the "Chuk-Hung Athletics Cup," which was donated by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung, well-known businessman, to Lieut. W. D. Pollock, Captain of the Army team, Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve said that the aim of the meeting was two-fold: (1) to raise the standard of athletics in the Colony, and (2) to improve the liaison between the Army and Chinese athletic associations.

The Army won, he added, because they had the advantage in some of the events, which were strange to the Chinese, but he felt sure that in a few years' time the Chinese would dominate the field of athletics in Hongkong as they did at present in Siam.

Results

Following were the results: 400 metres relay—1. Army (Sgt March, Gnr Perry, Gnr Roche, Gnr Marshall); 2. Chinese (Lo Chi-to, Lau Chi-kin, Lau Chiu-choi, Leung Man-sing). Time—40 2/3 secs.

Throwing the Discus—1. Army (Pte Poon Ching); 2. Chinese (Lo Chiu-choi, Suen Yue). Distance—52.25 metres.

100 metres hurdle relay—1. Army (Capt P. J. T. Skipwith, Gnr Marshall, Lieut W. D. Pollock, Sgt Halsey); 2. Chinese (Chan Tin-shau, Au Kit-man, Lui Chun-lui, Lui Kwai-chuen). Time—1 min 11 3/8 secs.

Putting the Weight—1. Army (Hav. Sarwar Khan, L/Nk Shingara Singh); 2. Chinese (Lo Shun-sek, Yu Man-fui). Distance—42 metres.

500 metres relay—1. Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen, Lo Chi-to, Chan Hong-shu, Leung Man-sing); 2. Chinese (Cheung Kai-pui, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing, Leung Lai-ying). Time—4 min 30 1/2 secs.

1,000 metres team race—1. Army (Hav. Mohd Ali, Nk Sardara Singh, L/Nk Budh Singh, Gnr Jolinder Singh); 2. Chinese (Cheung Kai-pui, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing, Leung Lai-ying). Time—17 min 17 3/4 secs.

Long Jump—1. Army (L/Nk Shingara Singh, Cpl Haidar Ali); 2. Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen, Leung Man-sing). Distance—20 ft 8 ins.

1,500 metre team race—1. Army (Hav. Mohd Ali, Nk Sardara Singh, L/Nk Budh Singh, Gnr Jolinder Singh); 2. Chinese (Cheung Kai-pui, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing, Leung Lai-ying). Time—17 min 17 3/4 secs.

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League Lawn Bowls

Indian R.C. Provide Week-end Surprise

K. Tong Head Second Division

THOUGH FAILING narrowly to make a clean sweep when A. R. Dallah's four lost to A. M. Holland by two shots, Indian Recreation Club scored the outstanding win in the Lawn Bowls League over the week-end when they beat the Kowloon B.C.C. "A" 61-50 at Sookunpoo.

Kowloon Tong took the lead in the Second Division by one point over the Prison Officers when they had a clean sweep against the Hongkong C.C. at Chater Road. A. Jillot (P.O.C.) lost to J. A. Remedios (Recreio) to provide the marginal difference.

In all, there were quite a few outstanding scores. Apart from five shots, there were six rinks that failed to get into double figures, the lowest score being that of J. K. Sloan (Electric) against J. C. Altken (Police) in the Third Division.

This was 36-0, and in the same match J. MacDonald (Police) beat A. F. Paul (Electric) 34-0. These were the two victories that gave the Police their startling win by 80-33 over the Electric, and created Third Division records.

In the First Division, J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B") was able to top this low figure by one losing 7-23 to R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.), and closely following were M. N. Rakusen (S.C.C.C.) and J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.) who lost to J. J. Basto (Recreio "B") and R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B") respectively by 8-20 and 9-23.

The sixes were scored by B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.) and C. G. Silva (Recreio "A") in the first Division, W. J. Howard (K. Tong) and M. J. Medina (C.C.C.) in the Second Division, and by J. C. Altken (Police) in the Third Division.

Prominent Rinks

Outstanding rinks victory in the First Division was undoubtedly that of J. Shepherd (Police) over C. G. Silva (Recreio "A"). The latter lost his 100 per cent record in the skips tables.

On the last head before tea, Silva scored his six to lead 16-0. After the interval, this was maintained at 18-10 (13th head) but over the remaining ends, except for the 20th, Shepherd scored 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 3 to lead 21-18 at the 20th. Silva secured a two on the last head and lost by one shot!

The prominent skips of the Third Division—J. C. Altken and N. MacDonald (Police)—scored on 16 of the 21 heads. Altken at one period from 8-4 scored on the succeeding heads to lead 32-4 (17th end), while MacDonald was leading 25-2 on the 13th!

J. McKelvie's subjugation by R. Morrison in the First Division was completed over 14 ends. He scored seven singles for his total, and these were mainly in the opening phases of the game.

Entries For Bowls Championships

Intending participants are reminded that the entries for the Colony's Lawn Bowls Championships close on Monday, May 26.

Rifle Shooting

Sgt Russell Wins Police Championship

The Hongkong Police Rifle and Revolver Club held their final shoot of the season yesterday at the Talkoo Range.

Some excellent shooting was seen, though the stiff wind made conditions difficult at times. Prizes were presented by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Sydney, Commissioner of Police. The following were the results: Championship Competition—1. Sgt F. E. Russell 88; 2. Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P. 83; 3. Sgt G. G. Clarke 82.

Novices Competition—1. Hon. Mr. Pennefather-Sydney 82; 2. Sgt F. Woodhead 77; 3. Sgt R. D. Fidler 70. Other scores in the two competitions were: Championship—Sgt W. Sargent 82; Sgt J. R. M. B. Wall 82; Sgt W. Gowans 79; Sgt F. Channing 78; and Sgt D. Wass 75.

Novices—Sgt H. N. Moran 74; Sgt W. Sullivan 65; Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth 59; Sgt H. Terrett 58; Sgt C. Blackburn 56; and Sgt White 64.

Champion Loses Non-title Bout

NEW YORK, May 17 (UP).—Bob Montgomery, the rugged negro body-punching artist from Philadelphia, won his chances at two titles to-day by hammering out an easy ten-round decision over the Lightweight champion, Lew Jenkins, in an over-weight fight at Madison Square Garden.

Over 14,000 fans saw the bobbing, weaving negro turn the tables on Jenkins, who won a dispute decision over Montgomery in Philadelphia last September.

Montgomery was so impressive that he established himself as the outstanding challenger to Jenkins for the Lightweight crown, also for Fred Zivic's Welterweight title.

Montgomery weighed 130½ lbs. and Jenkins 135.

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Cottage Club's Final Ride

The final paper hunt of the season of the Cottage Club held at Sheungshui on Saturday was won by L. G. Perkins on Euston. F. Bondfield on Venture was second and Lieut-Comdr R. S. Young on Rastus was third.

Following the hunt, there was an open-air barbecue at which over 70 members and guests were present.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables; Shan Kwong Road.

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GRAND HOTEL AS BRIDE'S HOME

Ghita Sayer was married in London recently—a romance of Grand Hotel. And she is going back, as Mrs. George Ronus, to live in the hotel where she worked and met her husband who was her boss.

That is the Dorchester, in Park-lane, W. A large suite there will be waiting when she and her husband return from their honeymoon in Surrey.

Ghita Sayer went to the Dorchester five years ago to learn a job—how to be an hotel housekeeper.

She learned about sorting sheets, seeing that the rooms were properly heated, seeing that the lights were right. She learned about handling a staff of chambermaids, and how to prepare rooms for receptions.

Success Story

Here is a success story. Soon after she finished her six months' training she was made a floor housekeeper. Then she was given the post of head housekeeper for the whole hotel.

She was the woman behind the scenes, managing the domestic staff. Guests rarely saw her. George Ronus, her husband, went to the Dorchester in 1935. He is the hotel manager. The business is in his family—his uncle directs a famous string of hotels in Switzerland. He is the man who works both behind the scenes and in front of them. He is the man every guest knows.

Every day Ghita Sayer's job took her to George Ronus's office. There was all the vast network of Grand Hotel comfort to be run between them. There were details of this and that to be arranged.

Friendship grew from this daily business contact. It ripened. So they were married at the Swiss Church in Endell-street, W.C., and held their reception at Browns Hotel. Mrs. George Ronus has retired from being hotel housekeeper. From now on her job is housewife.

INDIAN OFFICER'S COURAGE

Cleared Road Of Land Mines

Recently, lying in a Khartoum military hospital, suffering from split eardrums, exhaustion and shock, was a 21-year-old Indian officer, who performed what his commander described as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer, cold courage I've ever met."

He is a second lieutenant of Indian sappers, and the scene of his gallantry was the Metemma-Gondar road in North-Western Abyssinia.

When our advance began he was in charge of a party removing Italian mines from the road and its sides.

In one stretch of four miles there were 14 separate minefields with up to 300 mines in each.

Despite all precautions, our cars were twice blown up, and on each occasion this officer was the only survivor.

After he had been on duty continuously for 48 hours the commander saw him with a view to relieving him by a fresh officer. But he declined relief, declaring: "I think I've learned the Italians' system in laying mines on this road. Any relieving officer would have to learn it all over again and could not possibly do the job as efficiently as me."

TRY, TRY AGAIN

Private James Davis, in training at Camp Shelby, Missouri, received a letter which was addressed to him at "National Guard Training Camp, somewhere in Mississippi." In the upper left hand corner was the notation: "If not delivered in five days, try on the sixth."

Germans Plundering In Vanquished France

Cruelty, bribery and plundering have followed the German army of occupation into vanquished France. Information which has just reached London by way of New York shows the extent to which the superficially correct and disciplined behaviour of the modern German soldiers is just clever showmanship, covering the old German instincts for pillaging and looting, cunning, treachery and bad faith.

An American observer says: "France is being drained by its victors. Practically no house, large or small, has been spared from theft. Of ransacking and plundering they make almost a science, so thorough and methodical are these modern gangsters."

"The Germans have taken from the country 70,000 railway waggons. Lack of transport material is the essential cause of the present food shortage, a situation which the Germans have themselves wilfully created," he continues.

How grim life would be for subject peoples if the Germans won the war is shown by facts, many from official Nazi sources, which have been collected by the International Transport Workers' Federation.



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4.00—ALARM RACE.

4.30—MUSICAL CHAIRS

5.00—V. C. RACE ON MULES (for all ranks).

5.30—POLO MATCH (The "Diehard" Trophy).

6.30—COCKTAIL GABARET.

Jockey Pulled Rival Horse By The Tail

A jockey was disqualified for six months at Oakbank, Adelaide, recently, because he held on to the tail of a rival horse. The jockey was K. Parris, rider of Collegian in the Great Eastern Steeplechase, says the Sydney "Daily Telegraph."

A policeman reported to the starter that Parris had been noticed hanging on to the tail of Dark David during the race.

The matter was taken before the stewards, who called Parris and L. Meenan, rider of Dark David, before them.

Parris was charged with improper practices.

The policeman told the stewards at the inquiry that he had heard the spectators near by call out, "Let go his tail."

Parris is believed to have returned to Melbourne.

Mrs. J. Wheeler, wife of Collegian's trainer, said: "It is a mystery how the allegation Parris pulled the favourite's tail can be true."

"Parris has only two fingers on his right hand. It seems there was a mistake somewhere."

The Great Eastern Steeplechase was won by National Debt from Nevizes and Baldasar, with Dark David fourth. Collegian was pulling up at the finish.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, is:

Buyers

H. K. Banks \$1,305
Bank of East Asia \$71
H.K. Fire Ins. X.D. \$176
Indo-China (Pref.) \$90
Providents \$5.05
Hotels \$2.85
Lands \$31
Realities \$2.70
Light "O" \$5.70
Electricity Rts \$11.35
Ropes \$6.50
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Support of China's Friends Overseas

Any success by the Chinese Government was and is due to the efforts of the people of China, and to the support of China's friends, declared Mr. K. T. Loh, Special Commissioner for Chinese Overseas Affairs, in a Sydney speech.

Mr. Loh's mission is to meet the nationals and friends of China in Australia and other countries of the South.

Air-raid shelters in Chungking were so good, he said, that experts had been sent from Singapore, Burma, Hongkong, and other places to inspect them. They were built in the rock. By ruthless bombing Japan was wasting money and Japanese lives for a very small result.

"The power of endurance of a great race, as shown by the Chinese people and the great people of the British Empire, can be considered as a decisive factor in modern warfare. I have every confidence in victory for China and Britain."

To convey expressions of friendship from the Chinese people to the City of Sydney and to New South Wales, Mr. Loh and Dr. C. J. Pao, Chinese Consul-General for Sydney, called on the Lord Mayor, Alderman S. Crick, and the Chief Secretary, Mr. Tonking.

Britain's New Bomber

Heavy Armament

Mention may now be made of the new Avro Manchester twin-engined bombers, which, according to reports from America, must be ranged along-side the new Short Stirling as among the greatest military weight-carriers in the world.

It will help to build up the promised heavy bombing offensive against Germany.

Little may as yet be said about the Manchester except that it conforms to established British practice, has the ordinary "bicycle" retractable undercarriage, as opposed to the tri-cycle undercarriages fitted to some of the new American bombers, and is equipped with heavy defensive armament.

Governor Of Dartmoor

Hurt By Convict

Major C. Pannall, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, was recently injured on the head by a mug thrown at him by a convict during a scene. He received a nasty wound, but his condition was not serious.

Major Pannall, who is 62, has been Governor of Dartmoor since shortly after the mutiny in 1932, when convicts set fire to some of the buildings before being overpowered. In December, 1932, he had to take special leave to recuperate following an attack on him by a convict whom he went to see in his cell.

In a statement issued earlier the Prison Officers' Association alleged that wardens in Dartmoor had, recently been assaulted and that the life of an instructor there had been threatened.

Germans Shoot Dutch Jew

Accused of spraying acid on members of the Gestapo during recent riots in Amsterdam, a Jew was executed at The Hague recently by shooting. He was also accused of using his home as a meeting-place for terrorists.

A number of other prisoners were sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour of 10 years or more. Six persons were killed and others wounded in the Jewish quarter of Amsterdam on Feb. 22, according to the official German news agency.

"Winston" Pleases Queen

The Queen stooped to pat a decidedly grim-looking bulldog in London. She smiled when she was told its name. It was "Winston."

The occasion was a visit to the headquarters of the W.V.S. in the Eaton-square house which used to be occupied by Viscount Halifax, before his appointment as Ambassador in Washington.

"Winston's" owner, Mrs. Whittle of the W.V.S. was delighted at the Royal interest in her pet, which was wearing a red, white and blue bow.

"The Queen remarked that she is very fond of dogs," said Mrs. Whittle, "and no one could be in doubt of that from the manner in which she walked up and patted my bulldog."

Later, as the Queen was about to enter her car she noticed a group of R.E.S. Approaching the men she asked what their duties were. Sgt. Winton explained that they were engaged on demolition. "I think that is very sad work," commented her Majesty.

HUGE SALES BUT SMALL YIELD

Sale of about 25,000,000 copies of the book "In His Steps" yielded only a pittance in royalties to its author, Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas. Considered the most widely sold book in the world except the Bible, Mr. Sheldon's work was published under a faulty copyright, he revealed.

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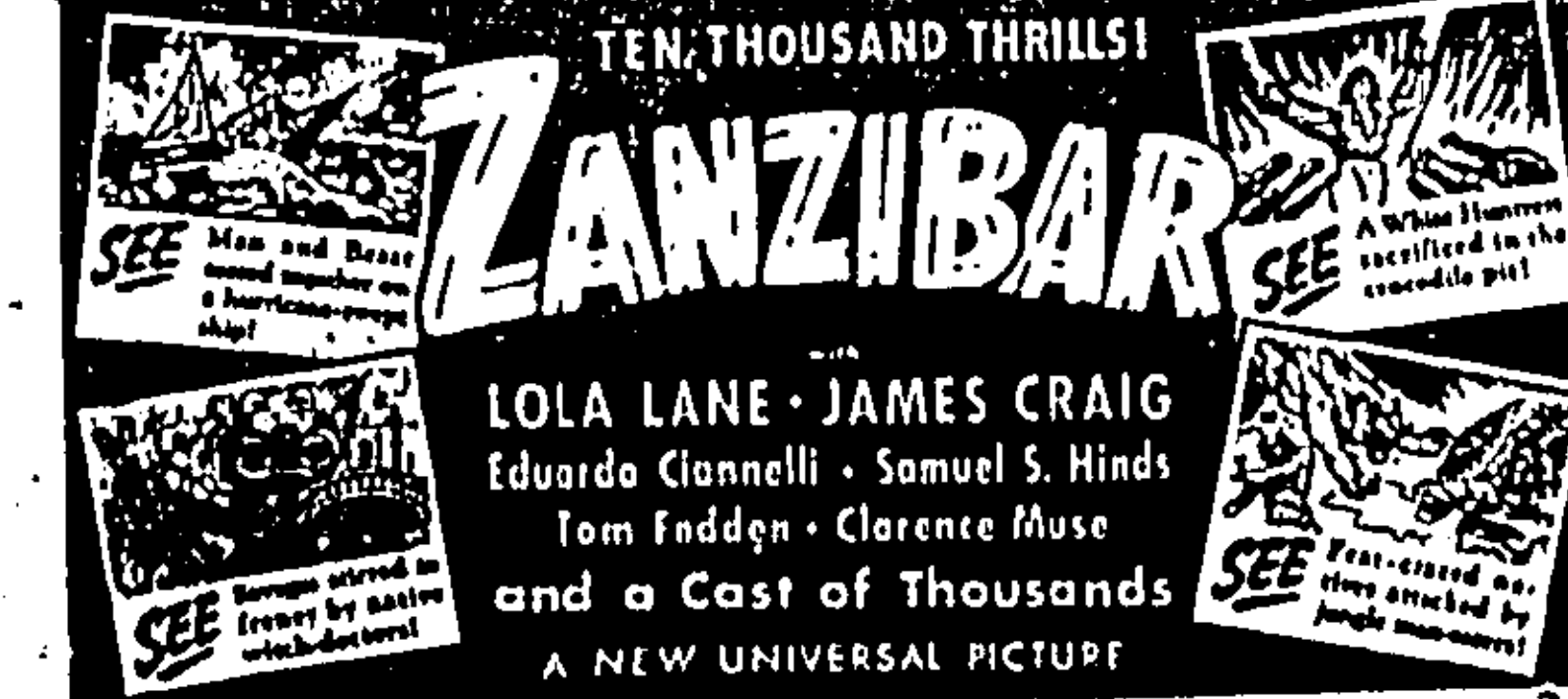
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Enemy Loses 50 Aeroplanes

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was particularly violent, took place among the buildings south of the harbour.

Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gzala, which was bombed and machine-gunned. British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmitts near Sollum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and on the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others were damaged. A petrol dump was blown up.

Shot Down Over Suez
Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area last night but no damage or casualties resulted to service property, or personnel. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire and another was shot down by our fighters.

Aerodromes in Greece occupied by the Germans were heavily attacked during the night of May 16-17. British bombers caused a number of fires at Argos and also at Menidi, where violent explosions occurred at the north end of the aerodrome. Four aircraft on the ground were destroyed at Malak, where direct hits were obtained on the runway and hangars, and incendiary bombs fell among the dispersed aircraft, causing considerable damage.

These bombing attacks were followed at dawn by attacks by British fighters which machine-gunned the aerodromes at Hassani, Argos and Malak.

Gunned On Ground
At Hassani, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit and a number of Messerschmitts and Heinkels were also attacked.

At Argos, similar attacks were carried out against enemy aircraft on the aerodrome. Two of them were set on fire and others were damaged.

Enemy aircraft at Malak made excellent targets for our aircraft and many hits were observed.

When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmitts and damaged others. Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others.

America To Provide The Tools

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aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds for our own national existence.

Peace Conditions

Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr. Cordell Hull said that these must include:

(1) extreme nationalism must not again be permitted to express itself in excessive trade restrictions;

(2) non-discrimination in international and commercial relations must be the rule so that international trade may grow and prosper;

(3) raw materials and supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination;

(4) international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples;

(5) institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they will aid essential enterprises and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.

Croatia Becomes An Italian Kingdom

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is to be included in Croatia. The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico in Dalmatia.

Agreement With Nazis

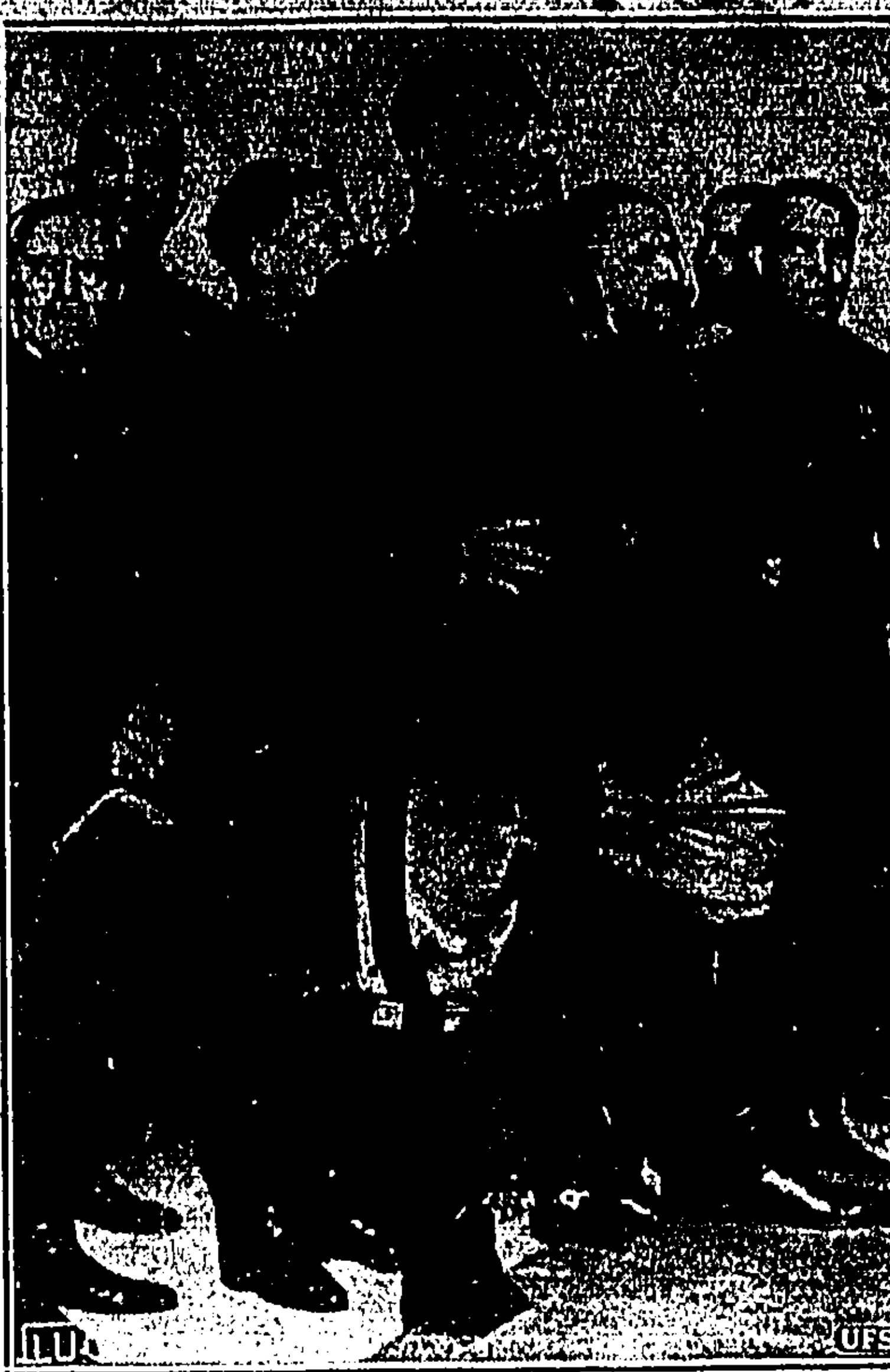
JERUSALEM, May 18 (Reuter).—Materials in exchange for compulsory labour service—this was the bargain struck between Pavelitch, the Croat leader with the Nazi authorities, according to reliable information reaching Croat circles in the Middle East.

Dispatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted.

In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing and spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.

LATE NEWS



EXPLAINING TO DO—Here is one of the few pictures received recently of Premier Mussolini of Italy. An Italian-approved caption states he is addressing the Council of Fascists in Rome. He probably had much explaining to do.

BELGIUM IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Camille Huysman's Suggestion

M. Camille Huysman, chairman of the Labour and Socialist International and former Speaker of the Belgian Chamber, told a "Daily Telegraph" reporter recently that he would like to see Belgium admitted to the British Commonwealth.

"The British Commonwealth," he said, "is looked upon by statesmen from the smaller nations now in this country as the nucleus of an even larger federation of democracies which could compel Germany to renounce aggression."

He told of an incident a few months before war broke out when he went to Hamburg to address a gathering of workers.

"I was chosen by the Italian delegation to speak for the foreigners," he said, "and when I asked why Fascists should select me I was told they were all Socialists at heart. In the conference hall I was met by rounds of applause and sought an explanation. The chairman whispered 'They are all friends of yours.'"

VEILED THREAT FROM SYRIA

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carry out my duty to the best of my ability.

General Dentz concluded with a declaration about meeting force with force.

British Attacks

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—British attacks on Syrian aerodromes continued on Saturday morning, according to an Ankara dispatch to the German news agency, quoting Beirut.

Woman Traps Family In P.O. Fraud Plot

In the little sub-post office where birthday cards and note-paper are sold at Garratt-lane, Earlsfield, S.W., you will find Miss Dora Ballard selling stamps—and you might not recognise in this dark-haired woman of thirty-five an astute detective who helped to trap red-handed the Pierce family—mother, father, son and daughter—who planned to rob the Savings Bank of £20,000 by forged bank books, writes a "Daily Express" reporter.

The family, who stood in a little group in the Old Bailey dock recently, heard the Common Sergeant pass sentence.

Arthur George Pierce, fifty-three, who forged the books, and printed faked identity cards and registration books for stolen cars on a second-hand treadle machine at his home in Auckland-road, South Norwood, received seven years. At one time he was chauffeur to the late Lord Snowden, Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer.

His wife, Hannah, fifty-three, who unsuccessfully pleaded "coercion" by her husband, received eighteen months.

The son, Harold, twenty-four, instrument maker, who made the fake Post Office date stamps, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

The daughter, Janet, eighteen, who had toured the country by car with her parents and withdrawn £200 by forged entries from the Post Office, had her sentence postponed.

At Four Years

On January 20 and 21 this year the family, whose activities began nearly four years ago, succeeded in getting nearly £400 from London post offices—that was until Miss Ballard came on the scene. She said:

"I was twenty to twelve on a Tuesday morning when a young man and woman came into the shop and asked for withdrawal forms. Both asked for £3 each. They handed over their deposit books and my boss, Mr. Curtis George, had his suspicions aroused by the date stamp 'Whitstable 1937'—the ink was too fresh."

"We Had A Plan"

"I had already paid the £3 to the girl when Mr. George called me aside. We had made a plan years ago about what we would do in such a case. Mr. George phoned the police."

"We asked them to wait a few minutes while an inquiry was made about their accounts, but they fled."

"I ran after them, shouting 'Police, stop!' The girl was already sitting in a car across the road, and the man was still running."

"I held the girl until the police came. The man stood tamely by."

Faked identity cards were in the couple's pockets. About 170 home-printed Savings Bank books were in the car.

"And from that moment the game was up," said Miss Ballard. "I confess I was thrilled. I love my work as a clerk, but I've always thought I'd make a good policewoman. I'd waited years for that moment. You see, we'd made that plan—and it worked!"

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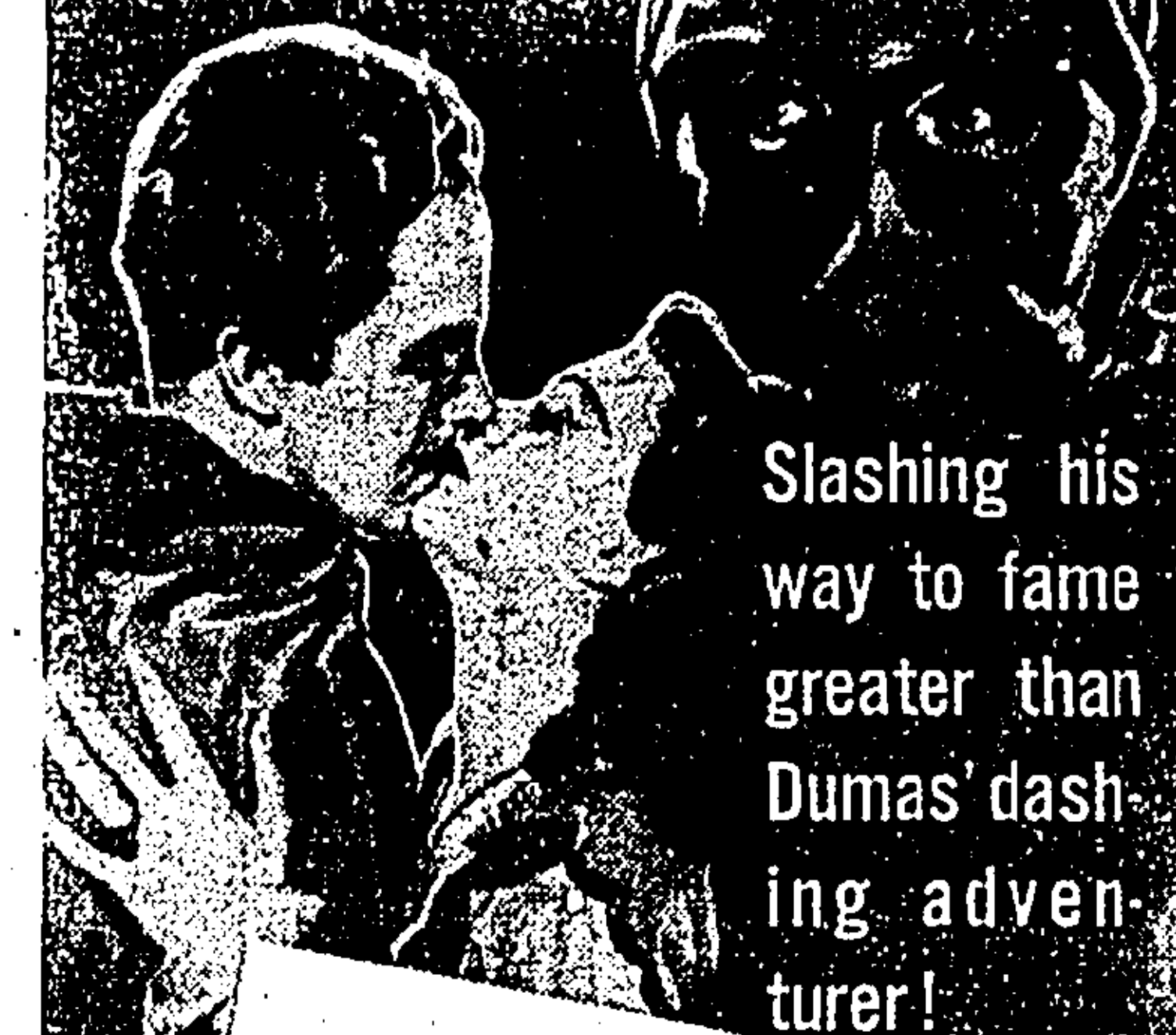
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Knife Menace To Nazis In Paris

Reporting that the sale of large-size knives has been banned by the prefecture of police, a message from the Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" seems to hint that Eugene Mittelhauser, the Nazi arrested his son, who was then in occupied France, and took him to a Vienna prison camp.

They then informed his father that he had better reconsider his decision if he wanted his son back alive. M. Mittelhauser capitulated, and issued the famous statement pledging loyalty to Vichy.

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MOSCOW, MAY 18 (UP).—TO-DAY'S "PRAVDA" GIVES PROMINENCE TO A NEW YORK DISPATCH CITING RELIABLE JAPANESE CIRCLES AS SAYING THAT JAPAN HAS PROPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES THAT SHE MEDIATE IN THE CHINA INCIDENT, AND THAT SHE HAS OFFERED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THE CHINESE INTERIOR IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD RECOGNISE THE DOMINANT JAPANESE POSITION IN CHINA. AT THE SAME TIME, JAPAN PROPOSES TO REFRAIN FROM HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTH SEAS PROVIDED SHE GETS ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS, AND POSSIBLY AN AMERICAN LOAN.

Harbours Bombed By R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—According to to-day's Air Ministry communique, the Fleet Air Arm and the Coastal Bomber Command, bombed French and Dutch harbours during the night while other bombers heavily again raided Cologne.

At Folkestone, explosions rocked the coast and concussion shook the houses as a result of the R.A.F. raids 25 miles distant. It is believed the British used their heaviest bombs, concentrating on targets between Calais and Cologne.

Sunday Free Of Raiders

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—To-day has been a quiet day as far as daylight air activity over Britain is concerned.

There has been slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland. According to the Air Ministry, up to 7.30 p.m. there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.

Late Night Report

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—Up to a late hour to-night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk.

FIGHTING AT BASRA

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—British positions have been attacked at Basra by Iraqi rebels, and fierce fighting is in progress, according to the Rome radio quoting unconfirmed reports.

Special Jury to Hear The Chattey Case

A plea of "Not Guilty" was entered and an application for a Special Jury was made by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case of Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, Captain, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, who is on a charge of committing an unnatural offence.

The case came up in the course of the taking of pleas by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is to prosecute and Mr. d'Almada, instructed by Mr. R. M. M. King, is defending the Defendant.

Mr Williams said that he had an application to make. Defendant was committed to the June Sessions and the application was for the case to be heard at the present Sessions. He understood that May 22 and 23 were suitable dates.

The dispatch cited the same circles as believing that the United States Government is seriously considering these proposals, but demands that Japan modify its attitude toward Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. It is unknown to what extent the Japanese Government regards the proposals seriously.

In a foot note, Pravda commented and cited other sources attributing to United States the initiative in the Japanese-American proposals to negotiate.

PACIFIC DEFENCE FRONT

Australia And Dutch East Indies

SYDNEY, May 18 (Reuters).—Australia would not be over-awed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Sir Frederick Stewart, the Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech here to-day.

Sir Frederick said: "We want peace, but if any nation thinks that it can profit by our pre-occupation elsewhere, I can say that Australia is ready and able to defend herself."

"I cannot accept with equanimity Mr. Matsuo's statement that he intends to work in the closest union with Germany."

Van Kleeffens

WELLINGTON, May 18 (Reuters).—The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. E. N. van Kleeffens, and the Minister for the Colonies, Dr. J. J. M. Welter, have arrived at Auckland from Sydney en route for conversations with Cabinet Ministers here.

Dr van Kleeffens said that if the Dutch East Indies were attacked, they would certainly fight and were well-prepared to defend themselves.

LONDON, May 18 (British Wireless).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler, Susarion, and H.M. drifter, Uberty, have been sunk.

Startling Shifts

WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—The Washington Star in an editorial to-day stated, "evidence is accumulating that the Far East may soon see political and diplomatic shifts as startling as those now transpiring in Europe," adding that the evidence indicates that the Russo-Japanese treaty may have contained a secret clause which may lead to co-operation between Chinese Communists and Wang Ching Wei's regime.

Washington Reaction. WASHINGTON, May 18 (UP).—Government sources regard Moscow reports that the United States mediate in the Sino-Japanese incident as trial balloons.

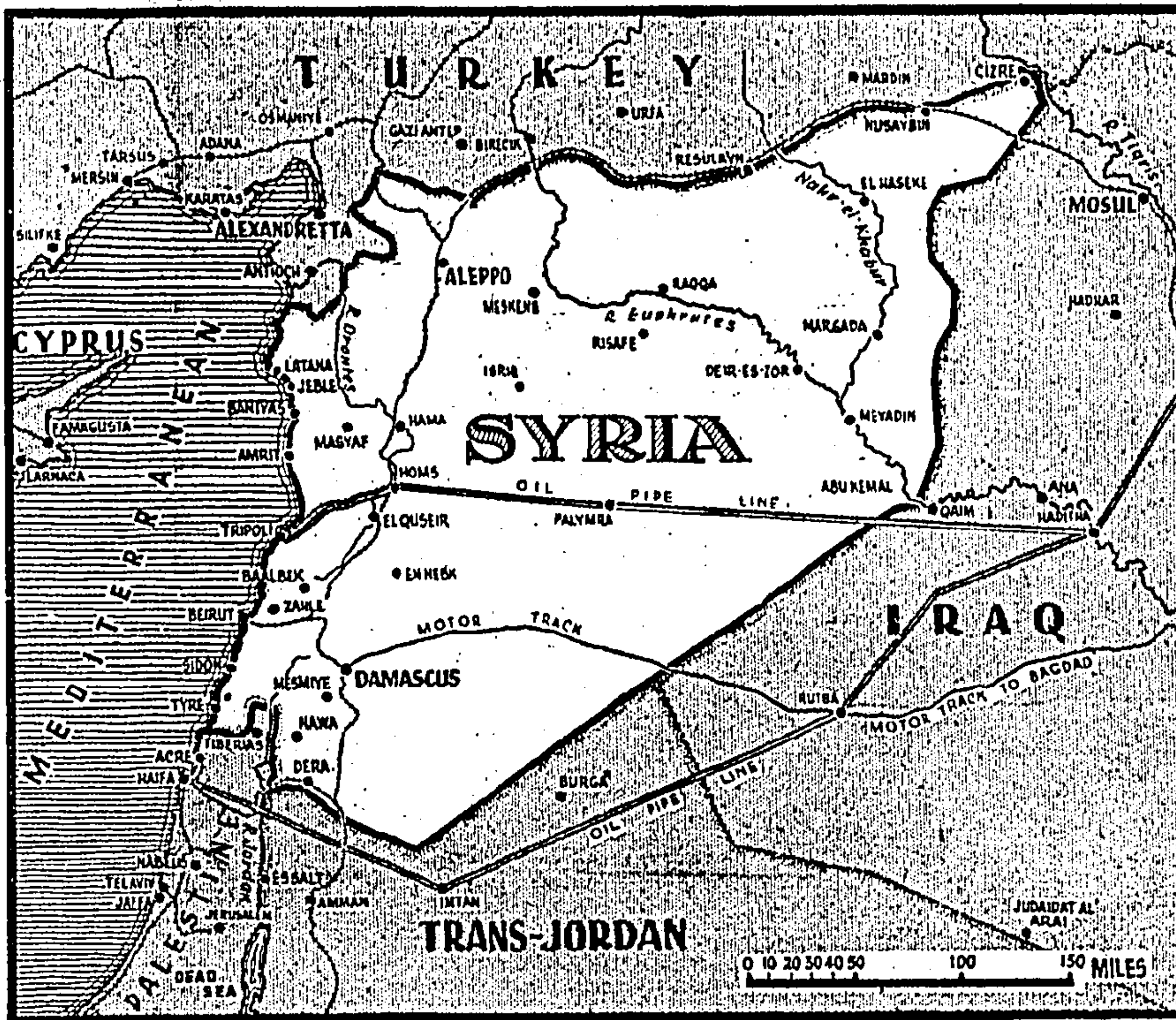
Informed circles state that the story originally was published in New York, having been received from Tokyo, and possibly represented a semi-official desire to sound out the United States and China regarding such a plan. Officials declined to confirm or deny whether or not such a proposal had actually been received. Informed quarters judged that it was highly doubtful.

Individual leaders such as Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, one of the Administration's most staunch supporters of the foreign policy told the press that mediation itself—aside from the conditions conveyed by the "Pravda" report, which Senator Thomas dismissed as unrealistic—probably urged the gradual settlement of the Sino-Japanese incident by mediation of individual issues by a board of American mediators who would be agreeable to China and Japan. Such a board by tackling one problem at a time, could gradually liquidate the conflict.

China's Position. The Senator said, however, that any mediation proposal which did

LATEST

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ENEMY LOSES 50 AEROPLANES

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 18 (UP).—The R.A.F. announced that nearly 50 enemy planes were destroyed in the

America To Provide The Tools

Mr Cordell Hull's Assurances

NEW YORK, May 18 (Reuters).—Two important declarations on American policy were made by the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, in a nationwide broadcast to-night.

First, he asserted that America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Secondly, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace was re-established.

Futile Policy

Pointing out that much of the United States' foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr Cordell Hull declared that it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence was vital for their security.

"I have said before, and I say again, that we will not permit this purpose to be frustrated. We will find a way to ensure that weapons, pouring in ever greater volume from our factories, will reach hands eagerly awaiting them."

Purpose of Axis

The paramount purpose of the Axis Powers, Mr Cordell Hull declared, was to secure control of the world for purposes of world domination.

He continued: "Either the spread of lawlessness in the world must be brought to a halt or we shall soon find ourselves surrounded by

Japan Promises Ships as Raiders To Nazis, Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, May 18 (UP).—The Army newspaper "Sao Tang Pao" to-day claimed that Japan and

Germany have signed a secret agreement by which the Japanese will provide 70 warships to Germany to be used as Pacific raiders, with Japanese captains operating them under German Admiralty orders.

Indo-China Ships Too?

A report by Royal Arch Gun-nison in a recent issue of the "Vancouver Daily Province" declared that Nazi officials in Japanese quarters are seeking to obtain, for use as Pacific Ocean commerce-raiders, "at least a few—if not all" of the ships of the small navy belonging to the technically independent French Indo-China government, according to reports received from two different sources.

Although it is believed that most of the fleet of some 48 vessels belonging to the French in the Far East is "available" at Saigon and Comranh Bay—both of which are bottled up by strong Japanese naval forces—there is no confirmation that the Japanese government is amenable to this latest Nazi plan. However, it may have been one of the items on the Matsuo-Hitler conference agenda.

Some significance was given in U.S. navy quarters to the report that the Nazis are seeking these French ships as raiders, when told that the same story had come to this correspondent within a few days.

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Nazis Lose 111 Planes In a Week

LONDON, May 18 (British Wireless).—Axis aircraft losses for the week ending at dusk yesterday totalled 111 against 14 of the R.A.F.

Over Britain and round the British coasts, the Germans lost 68 and the R.A.F. three. Over Germany and German-occupied territory, the Germans lost eight and the R.A.F. 21.

In the Middle East, Axis losses were 13 in the air and 22 on the ground while the R.A.F. lost 14. The Navy meanwhile announced that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed by H.M. ships in the Mediterranean between May 6 and 12. One enemy plane was also destroyed by an H.M. ship on May 14 and, it is now confirmed, another was destroyed on May 4.

According to a Police report Chan Fong, 59, a woman, fell down and sustained injuries to the body while avoiding a train near No. 7 Railway Bridge on Sunday. She was taken to Kowloon Hospital where she died later.

"Hess Guessing" Is New National Game

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The latest national game, "Hess guessing" has reached new heights, commentators blaming everything from schizophrenia to Hitler's secret mission for the mystery of the flight. The Government has disclaimed all responsibility for speculation, the Ministry of Information communique saying that none of the statement attributed to Hess are from official sources and do not have official confirmation.

Who appeared to be the winner of the guessing game would be decided when Mr Churchill makes his promised statement. Intelligence officers are minutely checking the Hess statements for their value and reliability. The Marquis of Donegal, writing in the "Sunday Dispatch" under a Page 1 banner, "The complete explanation of Hess," stated that Hess

is suffering from schizophrenia, or a Jekyll personality. He declared that in 1934 Swiss newspapers had reported Hess as suffering from schizophrenia, while it is known that he had several similar attacks later. Mr John Gordon, Editor of the "Sunday Express" said that Hitler probably sent Hess to Britain. "I believe Hitler is approaching the stage when he would like to settle. And I think the fool imagined a

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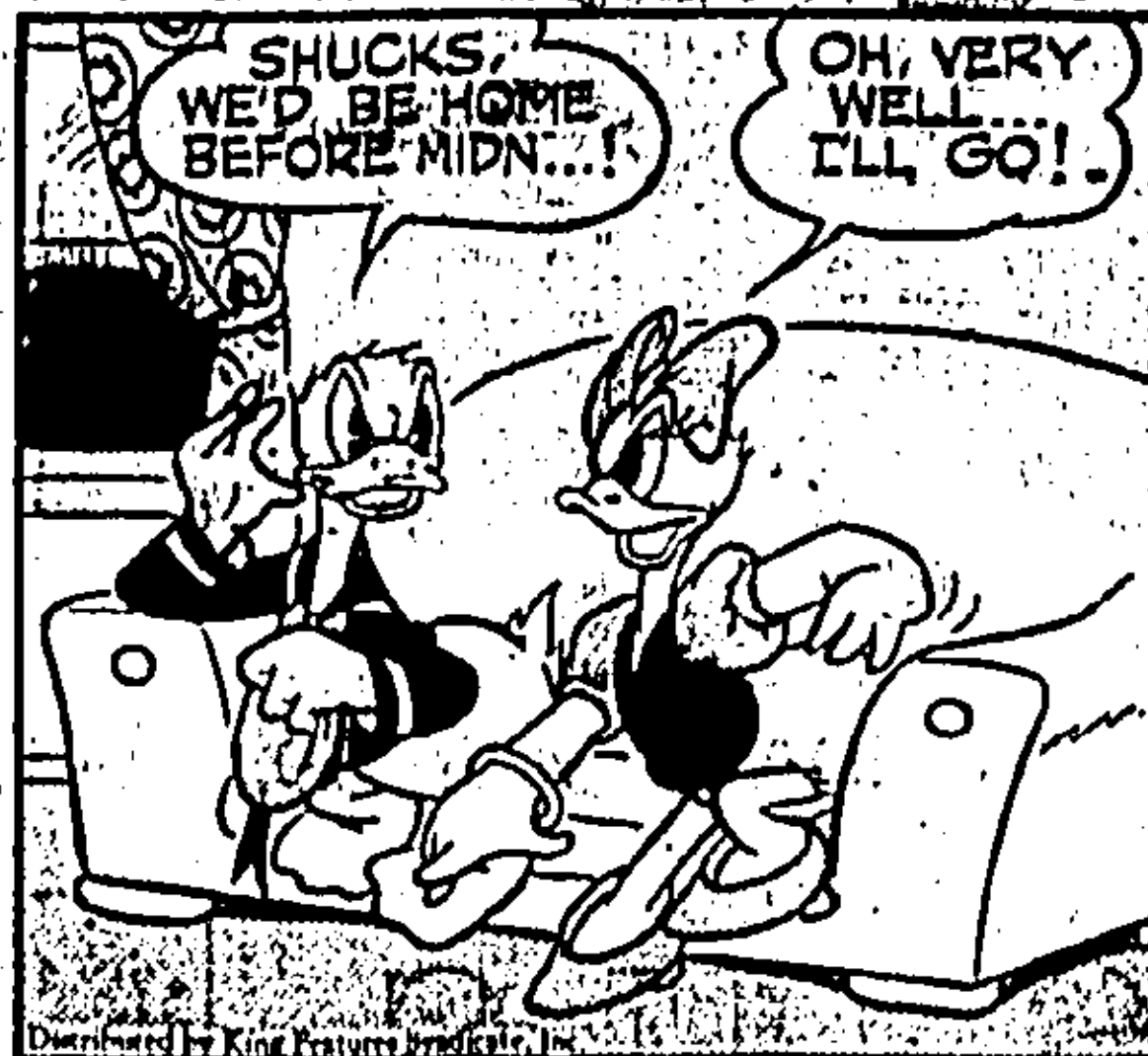
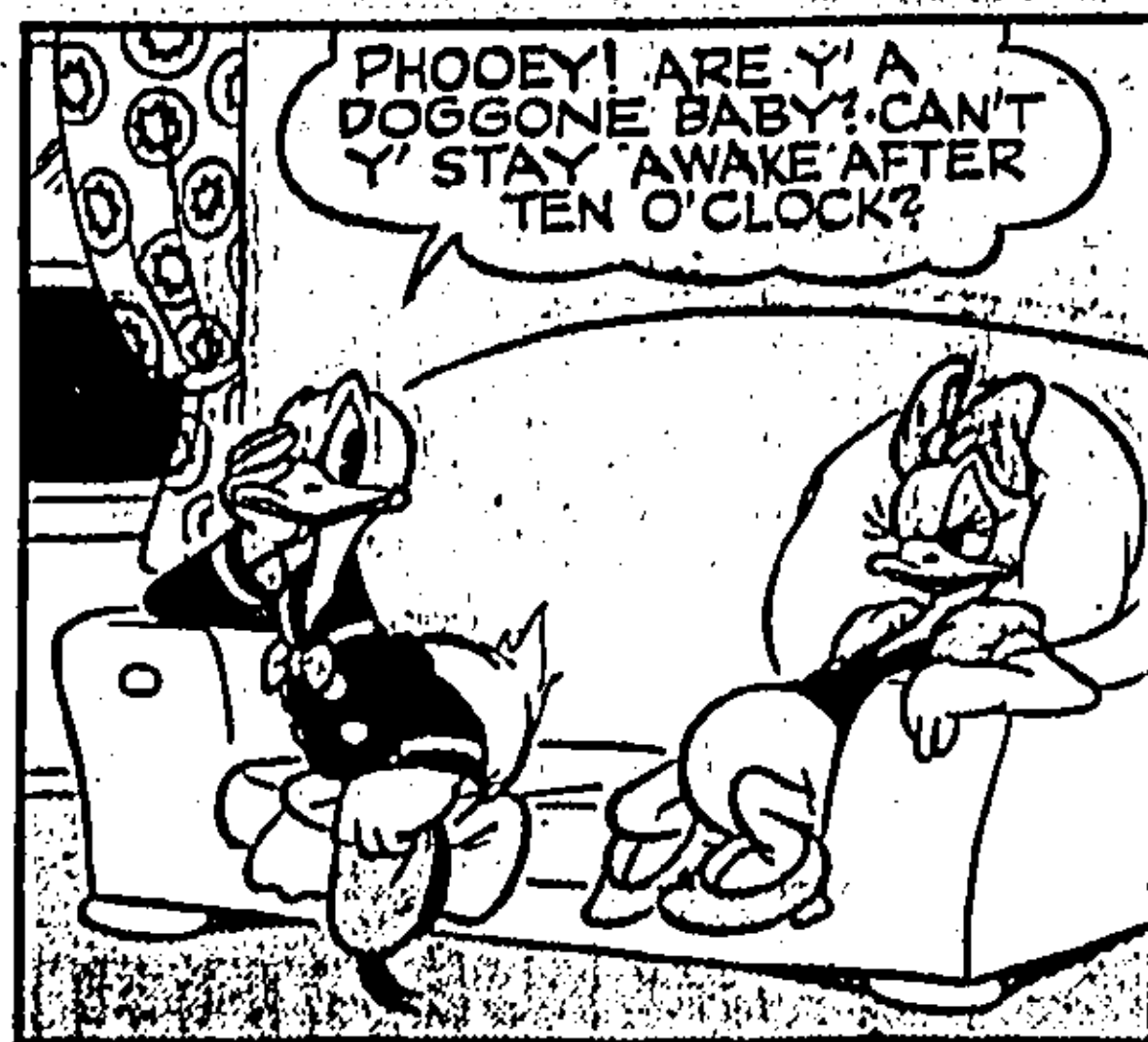
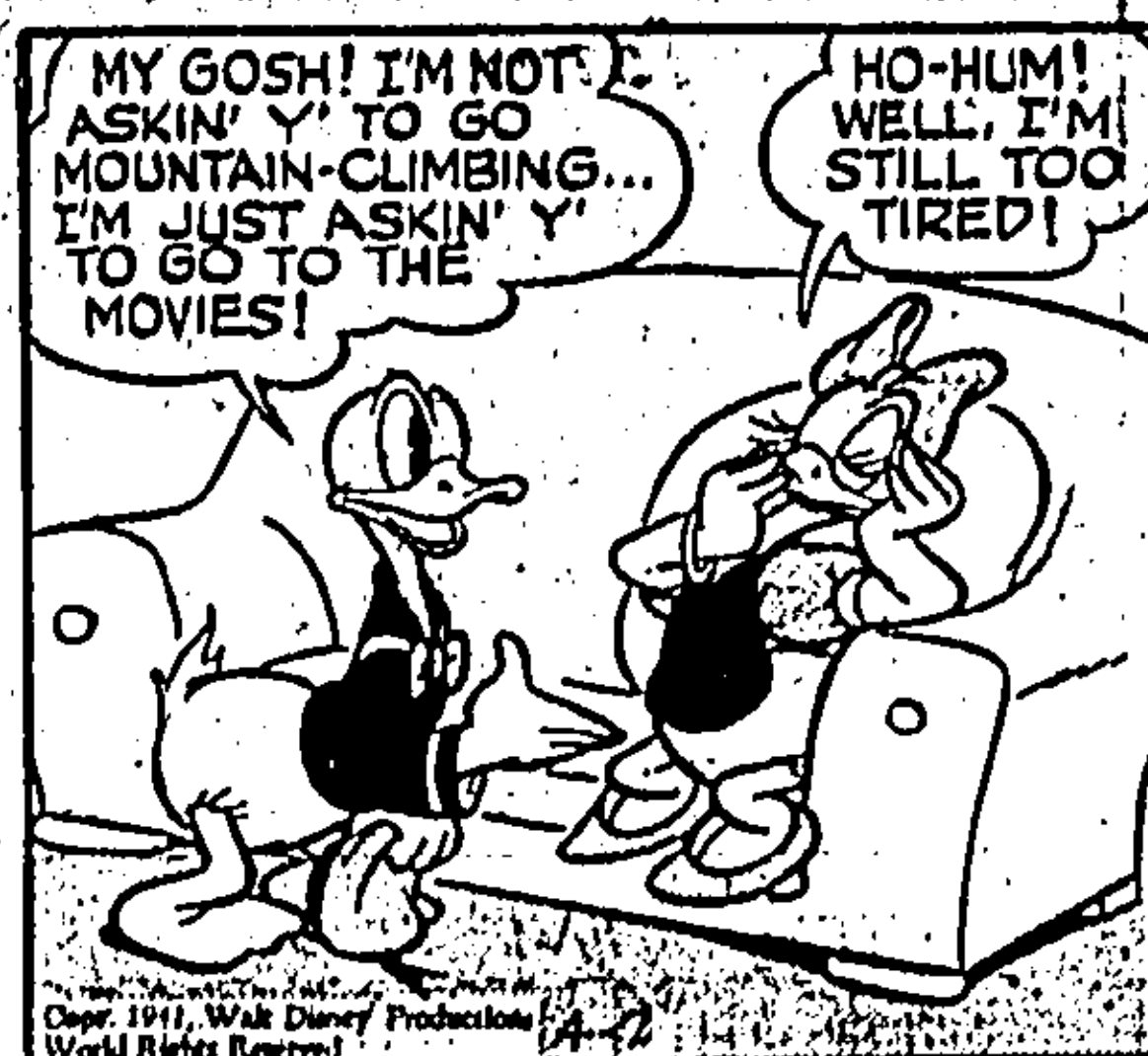
FRAU HESS ARRESTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The London Exchange Telegraph to-day quoted the Swedish "Gothenberg Posten's" Berlin dispatch stating that Frau Hess was arrested two days ago. There were many other arrests as a result of Hess' flight including hundreds in Berlin.

Police are arresting people irrespective of their political views who discuss Hess in restaurants. The Gestapo is questioning Hess's Messerschmitt regarding Hess's plane.

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What Exiles Are Doing For Britain

LONDON, May 18 (British Wireless).—The contribution made to the war effort by 250,000 adult foreign refugees in Britain has been described by the Bishop of Chichester in a broadcast.

About 2,000 are serving as soldiers in the Pioneer Corps. Women are being welcomed as members of the A.P.S. and, under the Government training scheme, men and women are going into factories and are engaged in national training to help the war effort.

Over 1,000 are employed in agricultural work, where they are doing so well that farmers are calling out more and more of this refugee labour.

There are also doctors, dentists, nurses and the clergy, all helping in addition, we have some 250 picked scholars using their brains for the promotion of learning in Britain.

De Gaullists At Vichy To Die

BERNE, May 18 (Reuter).—The most savage penalties yet enforced against the followers of General de Gaulle are reported in a message from Vichy.

The War Tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and has imposed sentences of imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 other non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement.

Thailand Hemp Seized

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BANGKOK, May 18 (Dome).—The British authorities in Singapore seized a large amount of hemp consigned to the Thai Rice Company here, local newspapers reported. It is understood that the hemp has been purchased by the Thai Rice Company for the purpose of making rice sacks. The Thai Foreign Office at present is negotiating with the Thai Legation here for the release of the hemp, the reports added.

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Similarly all firms, hongs, companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hong Kong from the United Kingdom who did not register at this office in accordance with Government Notification 282 of 7th March, 1941, should do so on or before 21st May, 1941.

Importers are warned that no licence to import foodstuffs from the United Kingdom will be granted to firms, hongs, companies or individuals who have failed to register with this office by 21st May, 1941, in accordance with this or previous notifications.

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Notice to Shareholders.

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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 The Hongkong Telegraph
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 British and Foreign
 20 cents per copy
 25 cents Saturdays.

Goering Stopped From Hunting

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Hitler has banned his associates from travelling even for private purposes with the result that Marshal Goering has had to abandon the hunting trip which he had planned.

This is one of the consequences of the flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency, reporting the ban.

AMBASSADORS MEET



Hongkong is honoured by the presence of two distinguished diplomatic personages, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson (left), the retiring United States Ambassador to China, and his successor, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, who arrived on Saturday. This picture was taken at the Peak residence of the Acting U. S. Consul-General, where they conferred during the week-end. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

South Shansi Hostilities Claim Heavy Casualties

PEIPING, May 18 (Reuter).—Ten days of heavy fighting in South Shansi have resulted in Japanese forces surrounding the Chinese on the north bank of the Yellow River in a wide semi-circle with a 50-mile arc along the river, the ferries of which are occupied by the Japanese.

In view of the vast extent of the area involved, it is unlikely that the Japanese can make the whole Chinese forces prisoner.

Well-informed sources report that numerous Japanese hospital trains are passing to the north daily via the Kinshan Railway, carrying also hundreds of boxes, which usually contain the cremated ashes of the dead.

The Japanese officially admit using "considerable forces", which are reliably estimated at about 12,000.

The Chinese forces total 180,000.

Sian Air Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" JAPANESE AIR BASE, May 10 (Dome).—Japanese Army air units on Sunday morning subjected Sian, capital of Shensi Province, to an intensive raid, inflicting heavy damage on the Chinese military establishments there. High explosives were rained on barracks and other military objectives in and around the city which were shattered to pieces.

On Sunday afternoon, Japanese air units raided Weinan, Chinese supply base on the Lunghai Railway, and bombed warehouses and other military objectives there. All Japanese planes safely returned.

Anglo-Greek Government Relations

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London, the Germans have invented a story which their "Trans-Ocean" news service has given to the world. The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palatret, the British Minister formerly in Athens, was going to Palestine and had said that all future communications between the British and Greek Governments would be transacted through the Greek Legation in London. Authoritative quarters in London say that there is no word of truth in this report. The normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and ally, the Greek Government.

Germans Recover At Sollum

(BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 18.—The Germans have regained some of the positions the British captured on Thursday near Sollum. They have succeeded in re-gathering the force which had been scattered by the daring British thrust and, employing heavier armed forces, they have reoccupied the heights above Sollum.

A famous British regiment still holds positions on the coastal plain near Sollum, however.

The situation on top of the escarpment is not clear, but it appears likely that the Germans have pushed back the British lighter advanced forces.

The Germans have been unable to capture all their former positions, and it is said that their present position leaves them vulnerable to attack on their right flank.

Nazis To Run Blockade

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, May 18 (Reuter).—Five German boats, carrying important cargoes of coal and supplies, left Chillan ports yesterday, namely, the Rakhotis from Antofagasta, the Quto and Bogota from Quimbo, the Frankfurt from Talcahuano and Erlanger from Puerto Monte.

The British armed merchantman, Laguna, has left Antofagasta, pursuing the Rakhotis.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	23 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	64 1/2
30 d/s India	40 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,310 b.
H. K. Banks	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 1/2 n.
Chartered	84 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	22 1/2 n.
Mercantile C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	71 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	220 n.
Union	405 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	176 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	120 n.
Steamboats	8 n.
Indo-China P.	80 b.
Indo-China D.	60 n.
Shell (Seacraft) s/-	40/- n.
Waterboard	65 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	85 1/2 n.
Docks	145 n.
Provident	505 b.
Shai Dockyards	20 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	12/6 n.
Raubs	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	285 b.
Lands	31 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	13 n.
Humphreys	670 n.
H.K. Realties	270 n.
Chinese Estates	99 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	15.00 b. & s.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	7 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries x.d.	21.35 n.
China Lights (old)	5.85 n.
China Lights (new)	14 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts.	22 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	21 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric Rts	11.35 b.
Macao Electric	10.10 n.
Sundank Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	22.00 n.
Telephones (new)	34 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	13 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	0 1/4 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 n.
Watson	7 1/2 n.
Lane Crowfords	2 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 1/4 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	35 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	260 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2%	94 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/4%	94 n.
Ch. Govt 5 1/2% GSDBs.	28 n.
Entertainments	0 1/4 b.
Constructions (old)	1.60 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6 1/2 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2 1/4 n.

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 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession
 12.30 Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.
 1.0 Local Time Signal.
 1.01 Variety with Dinah Shore, Bob Dyer and Dick Powell.
 Vocal—My Kingdom for a Kiss, Two Hearts Divided (both from film "Hearts Divided"), Dick Powell with Orchestra; Piano—Fools Rush In (Mercer, Bloom), Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World"), Billy Mayerl (Piano); Humorous—The Death of Willie, The Marriage and the Cows, Bob Dyer ("The Last of the Hill Billies") with Orch.; Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii, Charles Kama and his Moana Hawaiians; Vocal—Imagination (Burke and van Heusen), Say It (film "Buck Benny Rides Again"), Dinah Shore with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
 1.45 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op.51, No. 2. Lerner String Quartet.
 2.15 Close Down.
 5.45 Indian Programme.
 6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Beethoven—"Pathétique" Sonata in C minor, Op. 13.
 Wilhelm Kempff (piano).
 6.51 Two Songs by Alexander Kipnits (Bass).
 Verratt, Op. 105, No. 5 (Lemcke-Brahms), Ah die Nachtigall, Op. 40, No. 4 (Holly-Brahms).

7.0 London Relay—The News.
 7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
 7.30 A Light Orchestral Programme with Eselle Ackland (Contralto).

The Gypsy Baron—Selection (Joh. Strauss), George Boulanger and his Orchestra; Break, Fareast Dawn (Handel, arr. Celis), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.; Dream Serenade (Boulanger, arr. Satow), When I Am Happy—Waltz (Boulanger), George Boulanger and his Orchestra; Whatever is, is Best (Loehr), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ; Furlant ("Schwanda"), Weinberger, Polka ("Schwanda"), Weinberger, State Opera Orchestra.
 8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 This week's programmes.
 8.05 Concert Waltzes.
 8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang."
 9.0 London Relay—"The News and News Commentary."
 9.15 Eddie Peabody (Banjo) and Len Green (Piano).
 9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).
 9.45 Plantation Songs.
 Campdown Races, Uncle Ned, Ring de Banjo, Old Black Joe, Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet; My Old Kentucky Home (Foster), Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.; Nellie Bly; Hard Times Come Again No More; Oh! Sussanna Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground; Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.
 10.0 London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.
 10.15 London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out."
 Feature Programme. A B.B.C. Production: Made in England.
 10.30 Dance Music.
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Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

May 12

Chamber of Commerce. Difficulties in getting imports owing to the scarcity of ships and restrictions were mentioned by Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Mr. Bousfield also spoke of the increasing importance of the local industries, particularly shipbuilding, cement making and sugar refining, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the commerce of the Colony had kept up remarkably well during the year under review.

Referring to the Delhi Conference which, he said, had opened the eyes of a good many in the Middle and Far East as to the possibilities of Hongkong, he expressed the hope that the result of that Conference would be to accelerate the growth of the Colony's productivity.

The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr. G. Miskin as Vice-Chairman.

Former Resident Dies. News of the death of Edith, wife of Mr. Daniel John Lewis, formerly of Hongkong, was received by cable in the Colony to-day.

Mr. Lewis was first Chairman of the Ladies Advisory Committee of the Cheero Club, and remained Chairman until 1934.

Mr. Lewis was connected with the firm of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master from 1911 to 1933. He became a partner in the firm in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left the Colony in August, 1933, and went to live at Monte Carlo. They evacuated from France on the ship which took the last of the refugees from Cannes, just before Italy came into the war. On reaching London, they went to live at Bedford.

While in the Colony, Mr. Lewis was a Steward of the Hongkong Jockey Club, and was also a former Chairman of the Hongkong Club.

For The Bomber Fund. The proceeds arising from the recent production of the Kowloon Cricket Club of "Boy Meets Girl" amounted to \$1,800 of this the Committee allotted \$1,400 to the South China Morning Post War Fund and \$400 to the B. W. O. F. Cheques have been forwarded to these organisations.

The three stage plays "Orders is Orders", "Someone at the Door" and "Boy Meets Girl", all produced within the last twelve months have therefore brought in a total of \$4,200 of which all but the \$400 mentioned above has been allotted to the Bomber Fund.

It is understood that next season's productions will be "The Middle Watch", "The Trial of Mary Dugan" and "French Leave". This programme should afford play-goers something interesting to look forward to.

Tuesday

May 13

Decree Nisi. A decree nisi was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Divorce Court to-day to Mrs. Maria Fernanda Ribeiro Cabral de Carvalho, who sought the dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Eduardo Henrique Cabral de Carvalho, on the ground of adultery.

The custody of two children and the question of maintenance were decided in Chambers.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva, appeared for the petitioner, and the Respondent was neither represented nor present in Court.

The case had been adjourned for satisfactory evidence of domicile to be produced. This was done to-day. Mr. Chen said that the Respondent's domicile of origin was Hongkong, and he was born here, and there was evidence that he intended to make Hongkong his permanent home.

His Lordship pointed out that he had no explanation of the Respondent's presence in Portugal at a time when he was of age to think for himself and should have been leaving the country. The Respondent, he continued, had left Hongkong when he was still a minor, his mother had left Hongkong for Portugal and had died there, and his father had left for England, where he died. The Respondent lived for a number of years in Portugal, came back to Hongkong and after a year, returned to Portugal.

Mr. Chen called evidence to prove the reason for the Respondent's stay in Portugal, and that he intended to make his permanent home in Hongkong.

Colony's Health. Behind the bare statistics compiled in the office of the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths lies a grim story. A representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" who visited Medical Headquarters learned that, although there had been an actual decrease in births during the first quarter of 1941, amounting to just under 1,000, there had been an increase of nearly 4,000 in the number of deaths registered during the same period.

It is a sad commentary, stated an official, that the age group responsible for a great part of this increase is that of young children up to five years of age.

Asked by the reporter what were the main causes of the increased loss of life as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1940, the Director of Medical Services stated that Berlin and Pellagra (two of the principal deficiency diseases) accounted for over 900 more deaths. In addition, he affirmed that there were 546 more deaths from Enteritis (a proportion of which were referable to faulty feeding), and 324 more deaths from Cholera which, though a dangerous infectious disease, often struck down those whose bodies were

weakened by privation and too little food of a satisfactory quality.

It is particularly significant that, with a fall in the number of births indicating fewer women in the child-bearing age in the Colony and a smaller total population at risk (other things being equal), there was this heavy increase in deaths amounting to nearly four thousand.

In answer to another question, the Director of Medical Services stated that the gravity of the situation was fully appreciated and that his colleagues and himself had hopes that the drastic action by Government would put an end to profiteering in the very staff of life of the people by Government becoming the sole importer and exporter and by controlling, from June 1, the price at which rice will be sold by retailers.

More Food Kitchens. We hoped, too, that there would be an extension on the mainland of the system of food kitchens, four of which have been operated by volunteers under the aegis of the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council for some time past, and that economic but balanced meals would be made available to refugees and other deserving groups amongst the poorest of the poor. In this connection, the Director of Medical Services mentioned that the Nutrition Research Committee firmly believed that well-run communal kitchens could serve as valuable health propaganda, since a satisfactory diet (and not merely a satisfactory price level) applied to the hungry and ill-nourished could be offered.

He felt that such kitchens could be used in the same way as those at the Government refugee camps had been used for the past two and three-quarter years, that is to say, in familiarising a section of the community with the health value of unpolished or partially polished rice, soy bean products and vegetables at very low cost. He mentioned that, by dint of research and field experiment, it had been found possible to provide two substantial meals a day in the Government refugee camps at 20 cents per day for adult males (and correspondingly less for children), even at the present high price level for good quality rice—white and red (unpolished).

The Director of Medical Services admitted that it was possible that a proportion of the sufferers from Berlin, Pellagra and other diseases of malnutrition spent what wages they earned unwisely; although even with the best intentions of following expert advice very many could not obtain sufficient nourishing food to keep them strong and well.

He suggested that those who were better endowed with the world's goods should make their contribution by setting an example in their own homes, factories, workshops and shops by having the "healthy" foods prepared for their families, their dependents and works and themselves.

It appears that much distress and suffering and death could be avoided by such a relatively simple action as by the use of expensive, highly polished rice, and eating instead a portion at least of the undermilled or unpolished varieties, combined with cheap body-building material (like soy bean products and fish) and protective foodstuffs like vegetables (cooked, to avoid Cholera and similar bowel diseases).

Trading With Enemy. On a charge of enabling an enemy alien in Shanghai to obtain money or credit, the Bank of Canton Ltd. was fined \$5,000 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy to-day. The Bank was summoned for dealing, on December 3, 1940, without lawful authority, with \$233,000 for the purpose of enabling the Italian Bank of China, Shanghai, to obtain money or credit.

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The

Principal

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May 14

Swimming Gala. Although several heats were depleted through swimmers being unable to attend because of volunteer duties, European Y.M.C.A. staged a successful first swimming gala of the season to-night.

The handicapping was very good and several close finishes were seen. Closest race of the evening was in the 75 yards medley in which J. Roberts snatched a fine victory from F. Willis to whom he conceded five seconds. A. F. May and L. A. Benn were seen in a fairly exciting 220 yards. The former surged ahead in the last few lengths to win by four seconds.

Lai Tsun easily won the 200 yards relay, beating Y.M.C.A. A by a third of the bath. Tsang Cheong-ming, first string for the Chinese, covered his 50 yards in 28.4/5.

In the water-polo match Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex 4-0. The game was very clean, although the defenders on both sides were inclined to be a little slow in parting with the ball.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield, a Director of the Y.M.C.A. officiated as referee and other judges were Lieut. Willoughby (Middlesex), Lieut. Graham (Middlesex), Lieut. Bucke (Signals) and Mr. C. F. Hyde (Chairman Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section).

50 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1. M. J. Gunning (33 secs); 2. G. Ramage (33 2/5); 3. H. C. Eardley. Heat 2.—1. G. Davidson (27); 2. G. Saunders (27 2/5); 3. A. McQueen. Heat 3.—1. E. F. Paul (27 1/5); 2. E. W. Raiton (28 2/5).

100 yards back-stroke handicap.—F. Willis (33 3/5); G. Saunders failed to finish.

Diving (sealed handicap).—1. N. D. Booker (85); 2. A. McQueen (80); 3. R. Goldman (70); 4. F. Willis (75); 5. G. Saunders (74).

220 yards aggregate handicap. Heat 1.—1. E. F. Paul (3.10 1/5); 2. G. Davidson (3.8 4/5); 3. H. C. Ramage. Heat 2.—1. A. F. May (2.48 3/5); 2. L. A. Benn (2.52 4/5); 3. E. W. Raiton (3.11).

200 yards relay.—1. Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping, Chun Chun-nam, Kum Hop-min); 2. European Y.M.C.A. (H. C. Eardley, E. F. May, D. Hutchingson); 3. European Y.M.C.A. (G. Roberts, G. Saunders, N. D. Booker, E. W. Raiton); 4. Army (Elms, Signn, Hodges, Pte McGuish, Signn Hunt). Time 1 33 4/5.

Water-polo. European Y.M.C.A. (H. C. Eardley, F. Willis, L. A. Benn; A. F. May; E. W. Raiton, R. Goldman, E. F. Paul) beat Middlesex (Bdm Stanton; L/Cpl Muecherbach, Signn Hunt; P.S.M. Ure; L/Cpl Blunden, Pte Burdge, Pte Jennings) 4-0. A. F. May scored all goals, one in the first half.

Notable Visitors. Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the outgoing United States Ambassador to Chungking, has arrived in Hongkong on his way back to America before going to Australia to assume his new post of Minister there.

According to a Central News message from Chungking, Mr. Johnson bade farewell to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and had supper with him before leaving for Hongkong.

Mr. Johnson is accompanied by Mr. T. Elliot Well, Third Secretary of the American Embassy, and Captain James McHugh, Assistant Naval Attache.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson will remain here until the arrival of his successor, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, later this week. Mr. Gauss was formerly Consul-General in Shanghai and latterly Minister to Australia.

Thursday

May 15

Mr. Tom Hynes Killed.—News has been received in the Colony of the death at Home, as a result of enemy action, of Mr. Thomas Hynes former Superintendent of Malls in Hongkong and resident here for 32 years.

The late Mr. Hynes joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps in London in the early days of the war but was invalided out. Later he met Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, former Inspector-General of Police in the Colony, at whose invitation he became an Air Raid Warden in Kensington. As news of Mr. Hynes' death was received on Monday, it is presumed that he was a victim of the German air blitz on London on Saturday night.

The late Mr. Hynes leaves two sons, Desmond and Brian, who are employed in the Post Office, one daughter, Mrs. Patsy Stott in the Colony and another, Mrs. Mansell-Dyer, who is in Cornwall, England. As Alleen Hynes had appeared in leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan Opera with the d'Oyly Carte Company.

The late Mr. Hynes, who was 61 years of age, came to Hongkong on September 14, 1904, and joined the Police Force in November of that year after holding several other positions. Two years later he joined the Sanitary Department and in 1907 was appointed Acting First-Class Inspector, Animal Depot and Slaughter House. From July 9, 1913, to March 6, 1914, he was Acting Inspector-in-Charge and in May, 1914, became Superintendent of Malls at the General Post Office, a post he held until his retirement in May, 1936.

Born in New Zealand, the late Mr. Hynes served in the Boer War, and after being in the Transvaal throughout that war he settled on the land in South Africa. This not proving a success he joined the Police Force in the Transvaal. In 1904 he left to come to Hongkong where he remained until his retirement except for twice visiting New Zealand and going to England a number of times on leave.

Mr. J. D. Bickerstaff.—The funeral of the late Mr. James Dowie Bickerstaff, 36, land bailiff of the Public Works Department, who was found shot at his residence in Prince Edward Road on Wednesday, was held at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, to-day. The Rev. K. MacKenzie-Dow officiated.

Among those present were Mr. J. Riddell and Mr. J. A. Fraser (chief mourners), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Director of Public Works, Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, Inspector A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fowler.

Nightsoil Issue.—Government's intention to increase the rates by one per cent. to cover the cost of nightsoil removal has been abandoned, and instead a fee will be levied against each foot "for services rendered." It was learned from the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council to-day.

Mr. Carrie said that he had prepared a tentative scale of charges, but as some members of the Urban Council seemed to have "a little difference of opinion," the matter would be brought up at the fortnightly meeting of the Council next Tuesday, when it would be thoroughly discussed. The charges, he added, would be made against the landowner as ratepayer, but they in turn would have the right to pass them on to the tenants as the services were actually rendered to the latter.

As regards the number of carriers employed by Government, Mr. Carrie stated that the total was 1,950 and there were no vacancies at present. No further representations had been received since the announcement by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, in the Legislative Council a fortnight ago, that no reversal of general policy would be considered on the other hand, about 100 carriers, apparently from those who took part in the protests, had registered and had been placed on the waiting list.

Friday

May 16

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Head-on Crash.—Crashing head-on into a bus in Nathan Road at 11 p.m. to-night, a car rebounded 13ft across the road, seriously injuring the driver and a passenger.

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The mishap occurred near the Argyle Street intersection where a portion of the road is under repair and traffic has to veer to the middle of the road.

The bus was heading for Tsimshatsui from Lai-chikok. No passengers were injured and the vehicle, although damaged, was able to proceed.

Mr. Warden's car was practically wrecked, the road in the vicinity of the crash being littered with broken glass. Hardly a square inch of glass was left in the windscreen.

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Lawn Bowls League.—The first major upset in the Lawn Bowls League this season occurred to-day, when Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" lost to Indian Recreation Club. This was the only surprising result in the full programme of matches carried out, the decisions of the others being more or less expected.

The highest count in all matches was a six and there were five of these—by B. W. Bradbury and C. G. Silva in the First Division, W. J. Howard and M. J.

Quips By "Argus"
With Acknowledgments
The smashing Japanese campaign is racing towards a climax as the Japanese are bringing home their multi-pronged assault. Bringing it home alive?

The chief difficulty about Hongkong's war effort is the ever-present suspicion that someone is putting something across. What we need is a decision on whose war this is.

In an interview a Scottish farm hand said that he could quite easily understand Hess, who spoke English well. The parochialism probably experienced the greater difficulty.

Barbers complain of under-cutting of charges. Customers complain that too much is cut off. So a compromise should be possible.

It's a bit hard. Robt. McWhirter received a letter the other day. It was unstamped and cost him ten cent tax. It was one of those prayer chain letters.

A Wang Ching-wei newspaper deplores German aggression. There seems to be some fear in Nanking that, as the result of the Tripartite Pact, Japan may invade China.

A Japanese paper advocates shortening of the China front. It seems that the only result achieved so far is the broadening of the Chinese back.

A mass of migrating curlews has passed over the Colony. What of it? Probably evacuees; and there's plenty of room in many places for the right sort of birds.

If they build anything faster than the Typhoon-fighter-plane they may be stumped for a name—but how about Modern Mist?

Women's fashions are again being influenced by Chinese motifs. Meanwhile men look wistfully at the compadre's rolled-up singlet.

The Government is now going into the rice retailing business. So what about a subscription list for relief of unemployed compadres?

It is denied that Hess went to conclude a separate peace with Scotland. The Germans realise too well what happened to England.

Government House has now stopped moving and the next problem is up to the Botanical and Forestry departments to make the shoring grow some foliage.

Medina in the Second and J. C. Aitken in the Third.

Two new record low aggregates for the First and Third Divisions were created. J. McKelvie's rink were responsible for the First Division record by scoring only seven shots and J. K. Sloan's four for the Third by chalking up six.

Police Officers Return.—Twelve members of the Hongkong Police Force have returned from England among whom was Inspector A. L. Hopkins, who saw service with the Home Guard during the Big Blitz on London.

Other members of the Police force who returned were Sgt. Ellis, Sgt. Banks, Sgt. Forrest, Sgt. Pilkington, Sgt. Wheeler, Sgt. Laughlin, L/Sgt. Appleton, L/Sgt. Wall, L/Sgt. Fender, L/Sgt. Stewart and L/Sgt. Salter.

The five new recruits are K. J. Daud, A. W. Tyler, J. R. H. Clements, C. A. A. Nicol and R. Butler, all of whom have now been attached to the Police Training School.

Rumours that Chinese rice dealers have suspended selling to retailers are unfounded. No. 1 Thailand rice was sold on the Nam Pak Hong to-day at \$18.00, as compared with \$15.30, a few days ago when the Government first announced its intention to take over control of the import of rice. The medium grade Thai rice was sold at \$17.07 yesterday at Nam Pak Hong.

Retailers have dropped their rates to the level of Government's "fair price" for No. 1 Thailand rice. It is believed that rice to Hongkong every month.

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DEATH

RODRIGUES.—On May 18, 1941, Carlos Augusto de Carvalho Rodrigues, of 130, Austin Road, Kowloon, at the age of 51. Funeral passes the Monument to-day at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request.

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SQUARE DEAL FOR DOCKERS

MR Ernest Bevin's bold scheme for securing a quicker turn round of ships in port is something more than a necessary step to counter Hitler's threat of an intensified submarine campaign against British shipping; it is also a great measure of reform which will give the dockers a square deal. For over twenty years the evil of casual labour at the docks has stood condemned, and the abolition of the system has been demanded by the organised workers. The registration of dock workers was a step in the right direction, but the obvious next step of a guaranteed week seemed hard to take.

Now Mr Bevin has gone even farther. Faced with the vital fact that the maintenance of an adequate food supply depends to a very large extent on securing a much accelerated turn-round of ships, he has produced a scheme which will achieve this purpose and put dock workers on a higher level than they have ever been in peace-time. The Minister of Transport is to become the employer of all the registered dock workers in Liverpool (including Birkenhead), Manchester, Preston, Garston, Bromborough, Ellesmere Port, Parlington, Widnes, Runcorn and Weston Point. The dock workers of the Clyde area are to be included in the scheme later. All the workers thus put in State employment will be engaged on a guaranteed weekly basis. The guaranteed minimum payment will be for eleven turns a week at the agreed port rates. Each turn will consist of four hours, day or night. There will be extra pay for Saturday afternoon and Sunday work. Wages are to be paid on Thursdays. Canteens are to be established at all docks and reserves of food will be available for the workers.

As Mr Bevin said in outlining the scheme, the new conditions of employment will give dock workers security, adequate payment for the job, and the assurance that their labour is being used efficiently. The men will be working for the community and to win the war. Much of what is being done

No More Peroxide Blondes

It looks as if the war is going to cause a shortage of blondes. Peroxide is getting scarce, says a United Press dispatch from Hollywood.

Red fingernails also are likely to disappear. The goo that makes them red is being used to make high explosives. Permanent-wave solutions that make curly hair contain sodium and potassium, which the U.S. Government is commandeering for gun powder.

Max Factor, Jr., who gilds the Hollywood lilies, said that almost every chemical that goes on a woman's face to make it beautiful is indispensable to men bent on killing each other.

Chemical Shortage

"All the big cosmetic houses have attempted to lay in supplies of as many things as they can," he said. "It won't be long before we, and our customers, will feel the chemical shortage."

Bromine and chlorine, used in lipstick, make poison gas. The colours themselves are being commandeered by the defence forces to paint tanks.

Finger and toe nail polishes consist primarily of nitro-cellulose, a gooey mixture needed in high explosives.

Mr Factor said blondes who depend on peroxide will become brunettes, unless the war ends soon, while those women who credit vanishing cream for their smooth skins will be using synthetic glycerine without ever knowing it.

Steam For Waves

"Face powder's base is talc, which come from mines in Italy and France," Mr Factor said. "The supply in this country is nearing exhaustion."

"Eastern capital is developing talc deposits right here in California and in another year or so all face powders will be made of American talc."

Mr Factor said that alkalies, used to soften the hair for permanent waves, is now nearly exhausted. An attempt is being made to replace this process with live steam.

Nazi Spy Ring Discovered

A vast Nazi spy ring has been discovered in Cuba, and many arrests have been made, says the B.B.C.

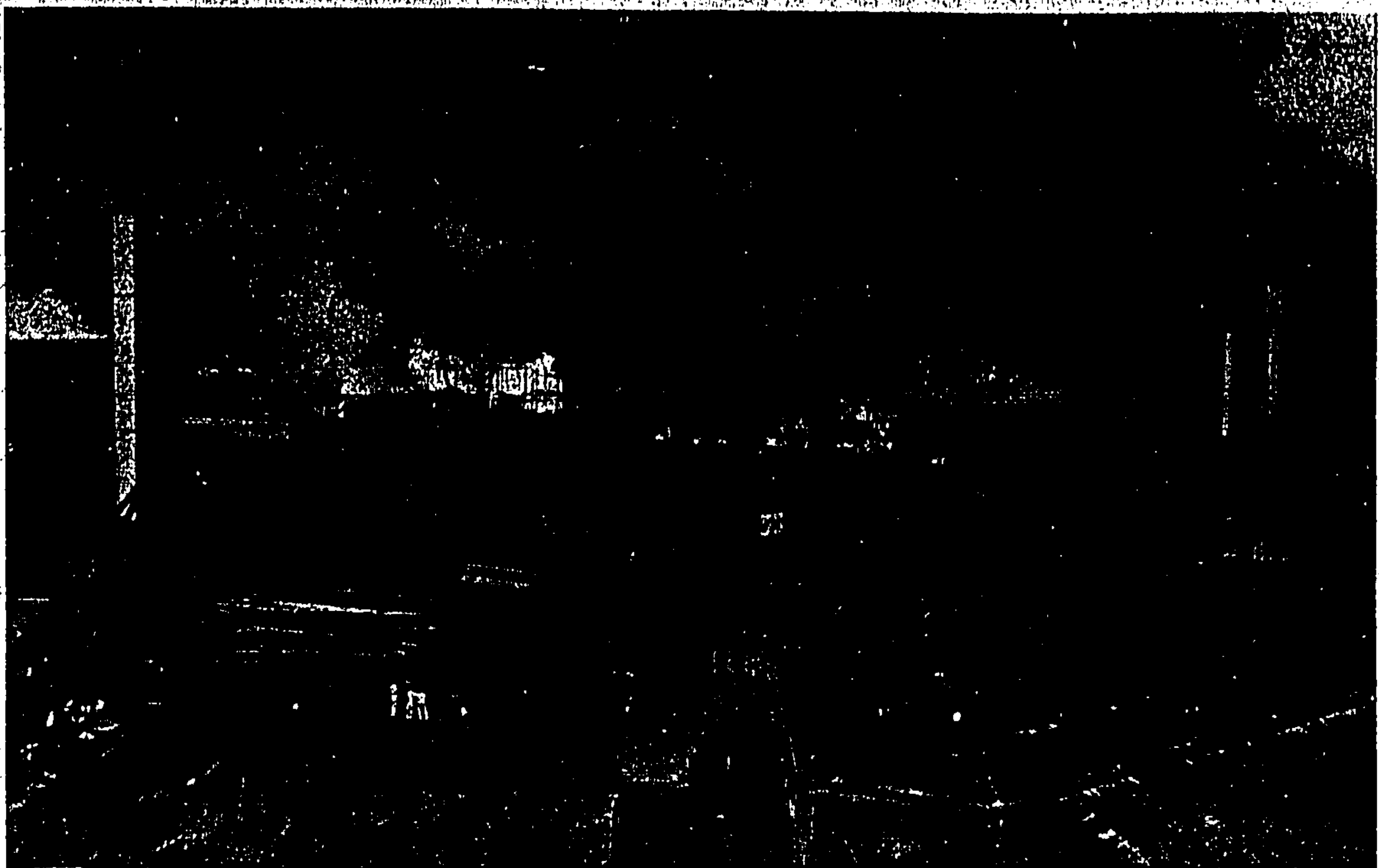
Arms, plans of Cuban military and naval posts and strategic roads, and detailed descriptions of U.S. naval stations have been seized.

Those arrested include a German army officer, who, the police state, has been active in the Caribbean zone for several months.

He will be tried under the recently enacted Cuban Defence Act.

under the stress of war may be subject to revision when war ends; but when victory is secured, those measures which have made for efficiency and an improvement in the condition of the people must remain part of Britain's national life.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANILA



A huge area in the suburbs of Manila, near the Pasay River, was devastated on the afternoon of May 3 by a fire which swept out of control in a steady wind, engulfing the wooden houses of the Filipinos at the rate of one a minute for several hours and rendering more than 6,000 persons homeless. About 40 blocks, wherein were over 1,000 homes, were destroyed. Fortunately, the death toll was low, only three or four persons being killed, but several people were injured. These pictures just received, show the conflagration at its height, and the shambles that was seen the morning after the catastrophe. (Photos by Airport Studio, Manila, through Sun Ying Ming).



DISILLUSIONED NAZI

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland was the outstanding event of last week, but that does not do justice to its importance.

It is so startling that one finds it difficult to understand it, for nothing similar could possibly happen in England. If we sought a parallel, in imagination, it would be for Ernest Bevin to fly to Berlin and announce his arrival by saying he was revolted by what he had been doing and that his conscience would not permit him to do it any longer. We would feel, in that case, that the bottom had fallen out of our system, and that what we were fighting for was obviously immoral and degrading.

If Bevin, who is in the centre of things, felt that way about it, then the humble layman, with his faith shattered, would go about his job of fire-fighting and such things in a dazed condition. His heart would no longer be in it, and the fighting forces, too, would be infected with doubt about the worthiness of British aims.

That is the position of Hess. The first reaction, then, is one of astonishment at the incident, then amusement because of Hitler's discomfiture, and even a certain amount of sympathy for Hess. Clearly he is not in the same category as a Quelling who sells his country in order to buy a position of importance. Hess steps down from being deputy Fuehrer into obscurity. It may be said that he is seeking safety, knowing that his life was in danger, but that is longer was due to his conviction that Nazism was a horrible and evil system, and apparently he could not remain indifferent any longer.

The choice of his place of escape is a deep insult to Germany as it is a compliment to Britain, for it proves quite clearly that only in Britain would he find that decent and wholesome life which is so conspicuously lacking in his own country.

"SCRUTINEER" writes on the Flight of RUDOLF HESS



try. Many German exiles of course, have said the same thing, but their testimony, though honest and reliable, could not carry the same conviction as that of Hess, who held the highest office and knew the Nazi system from A to Z.

He was on intimate terms with every one of the leaders, knew their characters and was aware of every act. That experience, starting in high hopes and a firm faith in National Socialism, has ended in disillusionment and disappointment. He revolts against it but he does not plot or intrigue against his immediate leader. He quietly withdraws.

Had he plotted he would have been accused of personal ambition, and whatever his aims the Germans would have felt they were dishonourable. By abdicating in this dramatic way, he most convincingly shows his abhorrence of the policy which is bound to lead to disaster. His action carries conviction because of the extent of the sacrifice he has made.

It will have no immediate outward effect. On the contrary, it might stimulate Hitler, Goebbels and Ribbentrop in their evil courses, seeing that Hess must have been in secret months a half-hearted supporter of the Nazi regime; but it cannot be doubted that in the long run this desertion will have to be explained to the German people, who even now must be trying to find an answer.

Catch phrases about insanity, astrophysics and physical sickness will not satisfy the thinking part of the population. Goebbels, in spite of his crude propaganda methods, will merely make such people more suspicious. They will want to know why the deputy Fuehrer, chosen by

Hitler for his courage, common sense, physical vigour and deep loyalty to the National Socialist cause, should abandon his country. If it provokes the German into thinking, as it must, then Nazism is doomed, for it is now discredited.

The importance of Hess is clearly brought out in the following extract from the "Niedersachsische Tageszeitung" of Jan. 18, 1941:

"There is no law or executive order—it is quite immaterial from which Ministry it might come and which subject it might concern—which has not first passed through the office of the Deputy of the Fuehrer and been examined there. No country in the world knows of such an office of control which has the special duty to see to it that the basic principles of the National Socialist Party are reflected in each law and order passed by the State, and that they are couched in a language so as not to disturb the natural feeling of the people."

"Rudolf Hess does not issue any State laws himself, and yet all the orders issued by the various Ministries bear the stamp of his collaboration, frequently over his own counter-signature. Because of the fact that the inner political work of all the State authorities goes through his hands, and that, besides, he examines the credentials of all the officials whom the Fuehrer wishes to appoint, the National Socialist Party is already included in the leadership of the State."

"What the Fuehrer cannot do himself, Rudolf Hess examines in his stead. As deputy of the Fuehrer with executive powers within the National Socialist Party and all its sub-organizations, Rudolf Hess gives the final decision in the name of the Fuehrer. The place to which Adolf Hitler has appointed his former private secretary after the State leadership had been taken over by the National Socialist Movement must therefore be looked upon as the narrow gateway through which alone access can be gained to the life of the German people."

ITALIAN RESISTANCE IN ETHIOPIA ENDING: OUR LATEST TRIUMPH



DUKE OF AOSTA

KHARTUM, May 18 (Reuter).—Despite heavy mists and clouds surrounding the towering heights of Amba Alagi, South African and patriot forces from the south and British troops from the north have succeeded in completely surrounding the main enemy fortifications.

Splendid work has been done by British artillery and also by the South African and Rhodesian air forces and the R.A.F., all of which played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.10 a.m. on Friday, a representative of a section of junior Italian officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided that he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

An order to cease fire was arranged at 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known here what transpired after the cease fire.

Gondar Still Stands

With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender, it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

Two Other Centres

In any case, it is only a question of a short time before all the Italians will be rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bands of Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

Strength of Enemy

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says "Reuter's" Military Correspondent.

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in Amba Alagi is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance, namely, the Gondar district southwest of Amba Alagi and the Lakes district which is about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in Abyssinia in order to keep a portion of the British Imperial forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and the Lakes areas.

Strength of Enemy

It is not known what the exact strength of the Italian forces in Abyssinia is. About a week ago it was estimated that there about 33,000 Italian and 36,000 native troops, but there has been no official information in regard to their disposition.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area, it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in the operations being brought to a close quickly in the other districts.

VEILED THREAT FROM SYRIA

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—"The Army of the Orient, whose supreme commander is Marshal Petain, and which enjoys the sympathy of the whole population, is ready to meet force with force," declared General Dentz, the Vichy Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Syria, in an announcement broadcast from Beirut.

Robbers Plead For Leniency At Sessions

Several pleas for leniency by those admitting robbery charges were lodged with His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

"I ask Your Lordship to deal with me leniently so as to give me a chance to be a good man after serving the sentence. This is the first time I have committed an offence," declared Kwok Sik-tim, 23, who together with Ho Tin, 33, admitted they had robbed To Fai and Mak Chau of 208 tins of kerosene and a quantity of clothing from a junk near the Tung Ku Lighthouse on March 22.

Ho Tin made a similar plea for leniency.

Defendants were each sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

Wanted To See Mother

Lai Kwong admitted that he had committed a robbery on a hillside near Shatin on April 8 and in asking for a light sentence gave the reason that he had wanted to return to the country to see his mother.

Lai was also sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

One of a Gang

"I want to be good man once more so I ask Your Lordship to pass on me a light sentence to enable me to do so," said Tang Shing who admitted a charge of robbery by two or more.

Defendant admitted that he had robbed Chan Sik-yung of a quantity of potatoes aboard a junk in British waters on April 25.

Defendant admitted that he was one of a gang of armed men.

He was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Cane For One

Wong Hung and Chiu Chu, both unemployed, pleaded guilty to a

charge of robbery committed at Yiu Kui Lane, off Sutherland Street, West, on April 3. Wong was on a further charge of robbery in relation to another incident and he admitted this also.

Wong was sentenced to two terms of imprisonment of 15 months' hard labour each, the terms to run concurrently and was also ordered to be given 12 strokes of the cane.

Chiu, who was said to have been a minor actor in the incident he was concerned in, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Tsun Wan Robbery

Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed on Lam Kwan for a robbery committed at Tsun Wan on April 15 and during which the victim was robbed of a ponjee jacket. The incident occurred at Ha Kwai Chung Village.

Croatia Becomes An Italian Kingdom

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced in Rome to-day.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia. The Duke described the Croatian Oustachi (Terrorist) Organisation as the "armed guard of the Croat Revolution" and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation.

Terms of Treaty

ROME, May 18 (Reuter).—Following the announcement of the nomination of the Duke of Spoleto to the throne of Croatia, the Croat delegation attended at the Palazzo Venezia for the signature of the military and frontier agreements with Italy.

Before signing, Mussolini and Dr. Pavelitch (the Croatian "Quisling") appeared four times on the balcony to be cheered by the crowd after which Mussolini insisted that the Croats should appear a fifth time by themselves. The agreements were then signed in the presence of Ciano and the Croat delegation including the secretary of the Oustachi (Terrorist) Organisation.

The documents comprised a treaty defining the frontiers between Italy and Croatia, a military agreement regarding the Mediterranean coastal zone, a treaty of guarantee and collaboration, a final protocol and an exchange of letters between the heads of the two governments.

Under the frontier agreement the port of Surak near Fiume is to be Italy's though it lies in Croatia. The next port down the coast, Kraljevina, is to be included in Croatia. The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenice in Dalmatia.

Agreement With Nazis

JERUSALEM, May 18 (Reuter).—Materials in exchange for compulsory labour service—this was the bargain struck between Pavelitch, the Croat leader with the Nazi au-

BULGARIAN MOBILISATION

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French news agency.

General Daskaloff will discuss with the Germans a general mobilisation of all men up to the age of 50, says the report.

The Germans are withdrawing troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops.

Greek Ministers Machine-Gunned

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—A twin-engined Italian plane machine-gunned a 300-ton boat on which the Greek Ministers Cotzias (Finance) and Apostolides (Justice) were making their way from Turkey to Palestine, reports the Jerusalem correspondent of the Independent French news agency.

No one was injured in the attack and the two Ministers have arrived at Haifa and are continuing their journey to "somewhere in the Middle East."

Army's Air Mail Service

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The new aircraft letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Sir Archibald Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My Dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

General Wavell says that the service will mean a lot to a great many people and hopes that it will be possible to keep it up regularly.

Kowloon Maternity Ward Concession Obtained

The representations made by the Kowloon Residents' Association, regarding the closing of the greater portion of the private maternity wards in the Kowloon Hospital, have been partly acceded to by the Hon. Director of Medical Services. This was disclosed at the May meeting of the General Committee of the Association held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall recently.

In adopting the report of Mr. Wylie, the meeting appreciatively recognised the earnest effort which the Hon. Director of Medical Services made to meet the views of the Association, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to express the Committee's thanks to him for his patient consideration of the question and for the courtesy tendered to their delegate during the discussion.

Two traffic matters were discussed, one being the danger of serious accidents occurring at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf on the Kowloon side, when the third class passengers are leaving the exit upon the arrival of a ferry. The majority of these passengers, too impatient to wait until all the vehicles have passed from the ramp, persist in clambering through the two-bar fence and rambling across the car park, while the cars and trucks are coming out. It was the opinion of the Committee that the addition of expanded metal or wire-netting fencing of about 5½ feet high to the existing two-bar piping fence around the West side of the car park for a distance of about 120 feet, would probably result in most of the third class passengers using the pathway on the West or harbour side to Jordan Road, as was originally intended and which is very desirable. The other traffic matter attended to was the diversion of No. 5 Bus route, complaints having been received that the altered terminus in Jordan Road is very inconvenient for the majority of the residents who use this bus route.

Electricity Charges

Among other questions brought up for discussion, the recent increase in the charges for electricity by the Chinese Light & Power Company was mentioned. Several members of the Association had complained that the cost of living was already high enough, and that the increased electricity charges would add a further strain on a large section of Kowloon residents. While everyone deplored any addition to the already high level of living expenses, it was generally recognised that the producing of electricity is almost entirely dependent upon imported materials, particularly coal, and that owing to the tremendous advance in landing costs, especially transport charges, a corresponding increase in production costs is inevitable. It was, however, decided to write to the Chinese Light & Power Co., Ltd. in the full confidence that they will be good enough to furnish the Association with adequate explanation of the situation.

Concession Obtained

Mr. Wylie in the course of his report on the discussion, stated that he had happily been able to obtain from the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke a concession in the matter. The Hon. Director of Medical Services had stressed the fact that the arrangement for the better utilisation of the ward concerned was only of a temporary character, and when conditions demand the occupation of these beds for maternity cases, he is prepared to restore them all to their former use. In the meantime, in order to meet, at least in part, the wishes of the Association in this connection, he is also prepared to give instructions to the Senior Medical Officer, Kowloon Hospital, to accept primiparae and, of course, all emergency maternity cases. The Hon. Director of Medical Services further assured the Association that the authorities at Kowloon Hospital took steps at the inception of the re-organisation to discriminate as regards the type of patient to be admitted to the non-maternity wards of M2 Block, so as to prevent any reasonable possibility of infection.

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Victory Year Hence Seen

Mr. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, forecast in a broadcast recently that the end of the war will be in sight about a year hence.

The future of Europe now hangs on British staying power, he said. Hitler had a time limit within which he must conquer this country or perish. That time limit was set by two factors—the arrival of equipment from the United States and the strangulation of Germany's resources for war by the blockade.

"Equipment from the United States," said Mr. Lees-Smith, "has hitherto been a trickle. It will now become a flood and it will finally become a flow, within the first half of next year."

M.P. Critics Of Oxford Group

The Oxford Group is the subject of a motion in the names of more than 50 M.P.s.

The President of the Board of Trade is urged to revoke the licence granted under the Companies Act to Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the organisation, and his associates.

Complaint is made that they have not publicly condemned Hitler or other aggressors and that Dr. Buchman's activities have been harmful to the British cause in many countries and are occupying in the United States young British subjects who might be better employed here.

STRANGE GIFT

When the town of Amsterdam, New York, decided to raise \$2,240 as a gift to the Greeks in their war against Italy, many people thought this too ambitious, especially as there were a number of Italians in the district and many of them only £180 was collected. But the appointment was cut short by the arrival of a cheque for £2,240, with bank cables to the Greek people.

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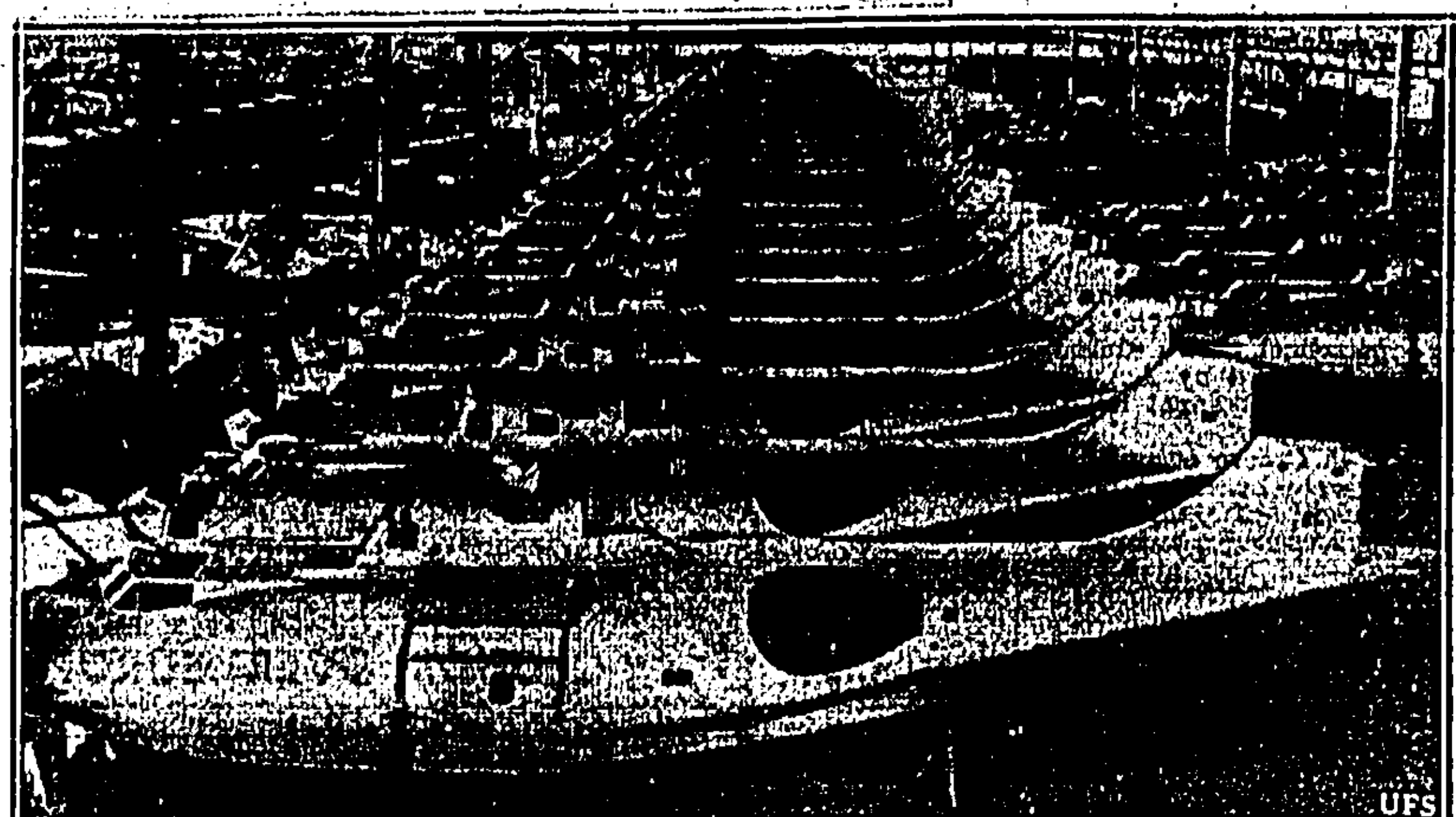
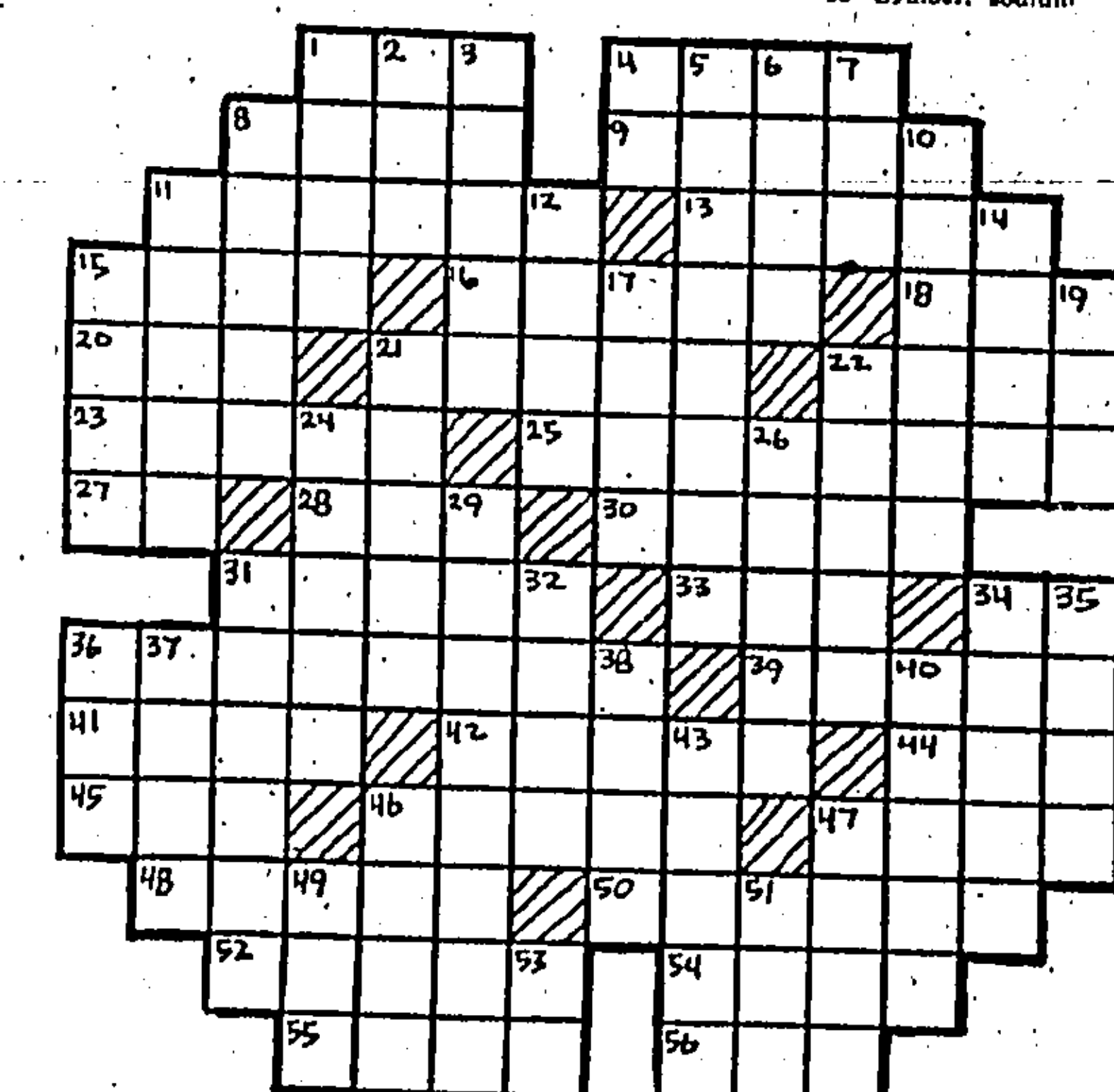
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Projecting label
- 2-Gel, out
- 3-Metal pin
- 4-Permit
- 5-Common weed
- 6-Place of prayer
- 7-Repel
- 8-Large artery
- 9-None of the above
- 10-Note of Guido's scale
- 11-Keenness of flowers
- 12-Penitence
- 13-Indistinct one
- 14-Double curve
- 15-Liver in the
- 16-Was mistaken
- 17-Handed
- 18-Weep convulsively
- 19-International
- 20-Catheter
- 21-Song-thrush
- 22-Anatomical (abbr.)
- 23-Drift
- 24-Sag
- 25-Poor for children
- 26-Deceptive woman
- 27-Debtor
- 28-Small fish
- 29-Preceded
- 30-Parlor couch

DOWN

- 1-Spell up
- 2-The French (em.)
- 3-Loud notes
- 4-In manner of
- 5-Child African
- 6-Surely
- 7-Surely
- 8-Indistinct (abbr.)
- 9-Valch
- 10-French river
- 11-Double curve
- 12-Prize
- 13-Hand
- 14-King with cloth
- 15-Blind
- 16-Spell apart
- 17-Opening
- 18-Collection of facts
- 19-Pellucid
- 20-Kind of sound
- 21-Nations
- 22-Hindu deity
- 23-Extensive river
- 24-Sail arrangement
- 25-Born
- 26-Irradiate; sodium



BOMBERS FOR NAVY—On assembly line at Consolidated factory at San Diego, Cal., are rows of twin-engine patrol bombers for U. S. Navy. Some of them may also go to British Royal Air Force. Ships have long range. Machine guns mounted forward and amidships.

GRAND HOTEL AS BRIDE'S HOME

Ghita Sayer was married in London recently—a romance of Grand Hotel. And she is going back, as Mrs. George Ronus, to live in the hotel where she worked and met her husband who was her boss.

That is the Dorchester, in Park-lane, W. A large suite there will be waiting when she and her husband return from their honeymoon in Surrey.

Ghita Sayer went to the Dorchester five years ago to learn a job—how to be an hotel housekeeper.

She learned about sorting sheets, seeing that the rooms were properly heated, seeing that the lights were right. She learned about handling a staff of chambermaids, and how to prepare rooms for receptions.

Success Story

Here is a success story. Soon after she finished her six months' training she was made a floor housekeeper. Then she was given the post of head housekeeper for the whole hotel.

She was the woman behind the scenes managing the domestic staff. Guests rarely saw her. George Ronus, her husband, went to the Dorchester in 1935. He is the hotel manager. The business is in his family—his uncle directs a famous string of hotels in Switzerland. He is the man who works both behind the scenes and in front of them. He is the man every guest knows.

Every day Ghita Sayer's job took her to George Ronus's office. There was all the vast network of Grand Hotel comfort to be run between them. There were details of this and that to be arranged.

Friendship grew from this daily business contact. It ripened. So they were married at the Swiss Church in Endell-street, W.C., and held their reception at Browns Hotel.

Mrs. George Ronus has retired from being hotel housekeeper. From now on her job is housewife.

TRY, TRY AGAIN

Private James Davis, in training at Camp Shelby, Miss., received a letter which was addressed to him at "National Guard Training Camp, somewhere in Mississippi." In the upper left hand corner was the notation: "If not delivered in five days, try on the sixth."

INDIAN OFFICER'S COURAGE

Cleared Road Of Land Mines

Recently, lying in a Khartoum military hospital, suffering from split eardrums, exhaustion and shock, was a 21-year-old Indian officer, who performed what his commander described as "one of the longest continued feats of sheer, cold courage I've ever met."

He is a second lieutenant of Indian sappers, and the scene of his gallantry was the Metemma-Gondar road in North-Western Abyssinia.

When our advance began he was in charge of a party removing Italian mines from the road and its sides. In one stretch of four miles there were 14 separate minefields with up to 300 mines in each.

Despite all precautions, our cars were twice blown up, and on each occasion this officer was the only survivor.

After he had been on duty continuously for 48 hours the commander saw him with a view to relieving him by a fresh officer. But he declined relief, declaring: "I think I've learned the Italians' system in laying mines on this road. Any relieving officer would have to learn it all over again and could not possibly do the job as efficiently as me."

Germans Plundering In Vanquished France

Cruelty, bribery and plundering have followed the German army of occupation into vanquished France. Information which has just reached London by way of New York shows the extent to which the superficially correct and disciplined behaviour of the modern German soldiers is just clever showmanship, covering the old German instincts for pillaging and looting, cunning, treachery and bad faith.

An American observer says: "France is being drained by its victors. Practically no house, large or small, has been spared from theft. Of ransacking and plundering they make almost a science, so thorough and methodical are these modern gangsters."

"The Germans have taken from the country 70,000 railway waggons. Lack of transport material is the essential cause of the present food shortage, a situation which the Germans have themselves wilfully created," he continues.

How grim life would be for subject peoples if the Germans won the war is shown by facts, many from official Nazi sources, which have been collected by the International Transport Workers' Federation.



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(b) Australian Ponies.

4.00—ALARM RACE

4.30—MUSICAL CHAIRS

5.00—V. C. RACE ON MULES

(for all ranks)

5.30—POLO MATCH

(The "Dishard" Trophy)

6.30—COCKTAIL CABARET

Jockey Pulled Rival Horse By The Tail

A jockey was disqualified for six months at Oakbank, Adelaide, recently, because he held on to the tail of a rival horse. The jockey was K. Parris, rider of Collegian in the Great Eastern Steeplechase, says the Sydney "Daily Telegraph."

A policeman reported to the starter that Parris had been noticed hanging on to the tail of Dark David during the race.

The matter was taken, before the stewards, who called Parris and L. Meenan, rider of Dark David, before them.

Parris was charged with improper practices.

The policeman told the stewards at the inquiry that he had heard the spectators near by call out, "Let go his tail."

Parris is believed to have returned to Melbourne.

Mrs J. Wheeler, wife of Collegian's trainer, said: "It is a mystery how the allegation Parris pulled the favourite's tail can be true."

"Parris has only two fingers on his right hand. It seems there was a mistake somewhere."

The Great Eastern Steeplechase was won by National Debt from Neveles and Baldasar, with Dark David fourth. Collegian was pulling up at the finish.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, is:

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Realties \$2.70
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Support of China's Friends Overseas

Any success by the Chinese Government was and is due to the efforts of the people of China, and to the support of China's friends, declared Mr. K. T. Loh, Special Commissioner for Chinese Overseas Affairs, in a Sydney speech.

Mr. Loh's mission is to meet the nationals and friends of China in Australia and other countries of the South.

Air-raid shelters in Chungking were so good, he said, that experts had been sent from Singapore, Burma, Hongkong, and other places to inspect them. They were built in the rock. By ruthless bombing Japan was wasting money and Japanese lives for a very small result.

"The power of endurance of a great race, as shown by the Chinese people, and the great people of the British Empire, can be considered as a decisive factor in modern warfare. I have every confidence in victory for China and Britain."

To convey expressions of friendship from the Chinese people to the City of Sydney and to New South Wales, Mr. Loh and Dr. C. J. Pao, Chinese Consul-General for Sydney, called on the Lord Mayor, Alderman S. Crick, and the Chief Secretary, Mr. Tonking.

Britain's New Bomber

Heavy Armament

Mention may now be made of the new Avro Manchester twin-engine bombers, which, according to reports from America, must be ranged, along-side the new Short Stirling as among the greatest military weight-carriers in the world.

It will help to build up the promised heavy-bombing offensive against Germany.

Little may as yet be said about the Manchester except that it conforms to established British practice, has the ordinary "bicycle" retractable undercarriage, as opposed to the tricycle undercarriage fitted to some of the new American bombers, and is equipped with heavy defensive armament.

Governor Of Dartmoor

Hurt By Convict

Major C. Pannall, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, was recently injured on the head by a mug thrown at him by a convict during a scene. He received a nasty wound, but his condition was not serious.

Major Pannall, who is 52, has been Governor of Dartmoor since shortly after the mutiny in 1932, when convicts set fire to some of the buildings before being overpowered. In December, 1932, he had to take special leave to recuperate following an attack on him by a convict whom he went to see in his cell.

In a statement issued earlier the Prison Officers' Association alleged that warders in Dartmoor had, recently been assaulted and that the life of an instructor there had been threatened.

Germans Shoot Dutch Jew

Accused of spraying acid on members of the Gestapo during recent riots in Amsterdam, a Jew was executed at The Hague recently by shooting. He was also accused of using his home as a meeting-place for terrorists.

A number of other prisoners were sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour of 10 years or more. Six persons were killed and others wounded in the Jewish quarter of Amsterdam, on Feb. 25, according to the official German news agency.

"Winston" Pleases Queen

The Queen stooped to pat a decidedly grim-looking bulldog in London. She smiled when she was told its name. It was "Winston."

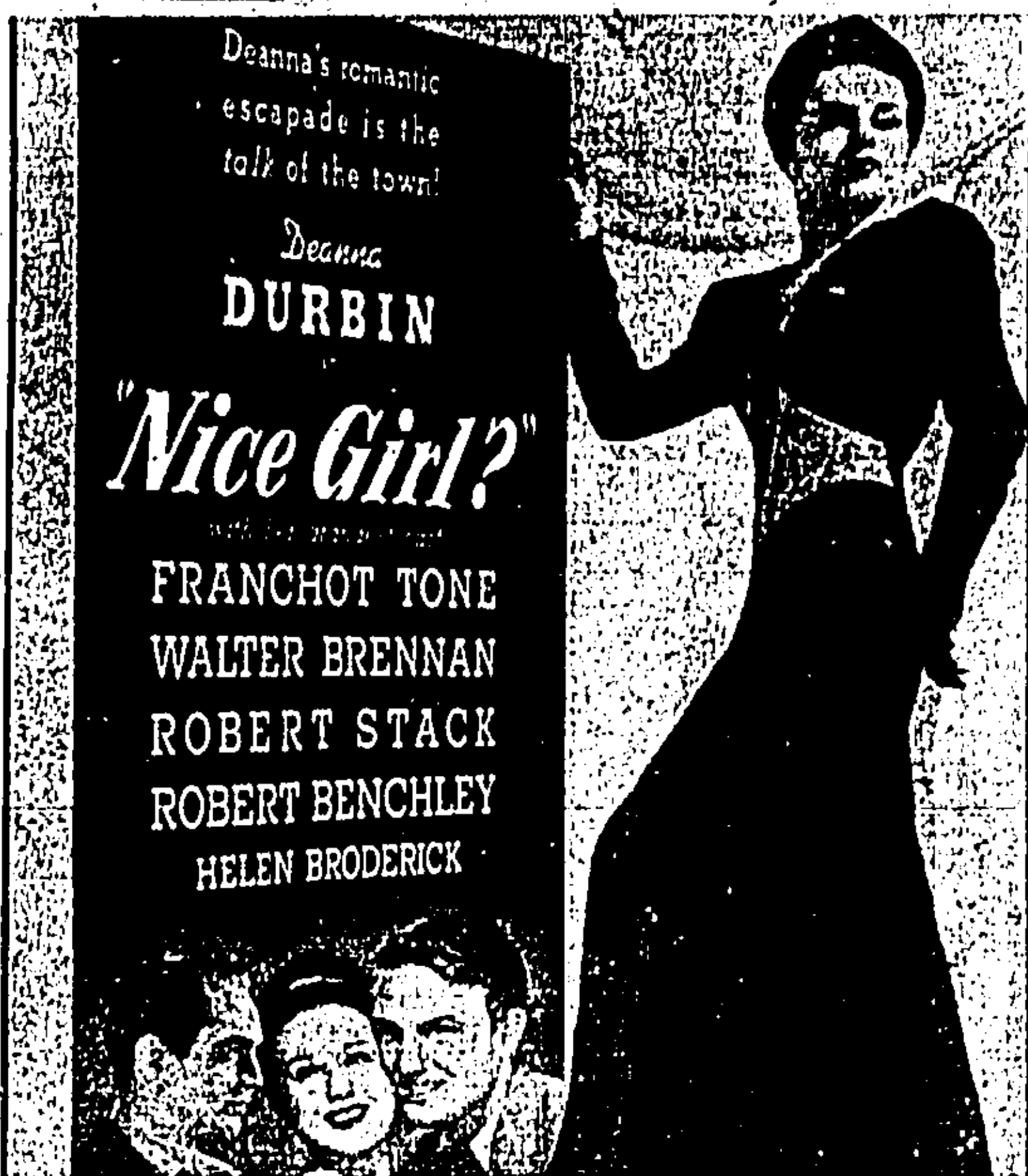
The occasion was a visit to the headquarters of the W.V.S. in the Eaton-square house which used to be occupied by Viscount Halifax, before his appointment as Ambassador in Washington. "Winston's" owner, Mrs. Whittle of the W.V.S. was delighted at the Royal interest in her pet, which was wearing a red, white and blue bow. "The Queen remarked that she is very fond of dogs," said Mrs. Whittle, and no one could be in doubt of that from the manner in which she walked up and patted my bulldog. Later, as the Queen was about to enter her car she noticed a group of R.E.s. Approaching the men she asked what their duties were. Sgt. Winston explained that they were engaged on demolition. "I think that is very sad work," commented her Majesty.

HUGE SALES BUT SMALL YIELD

Sale of about 25,000,000 copies of the book "In His Steps" yielded only a pittance in royalties to its author, Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas. Considered the most widely sold book in the world except the Bible, Mr. Sheldon's work was published under a faulty copyright, he revealed.

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"Hess Guessing" Is New National Game

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was possible. He never did understand.

Member of Parliament, Mr. A. Boverly Baxter writing in the "Sunday Graphic" asserted that Hess' anti-Soviet sentiment led Hitler and Goering indirectly to warn Hess that he was in danger, and then provided him with a plane in which he could escape in the expectation that he would be killed. "They just wished to be relieved of the embarrassment of bumping him off," he declared.

Others were of the opinion that Hitler sent Hess to England to arrange a peace so that Germany and England could unite against Russia. Meaning a roll shows a divergence of opinion as to what should be done with Hess. George Bernard Shaw, stated: "I should let Hess loose and keep an eye on him and see what he would do." Mayor Moseley of Coventry declared: "Hess has thrown himself on the hospitality of Britain and I think he should be treated with our traditional courtesy."

America To Provide The Tools

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aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds for our own national existence."

Peace Conditions

Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr. Cordell Hull said that these must include:

- (1) extreme nationalism must not again be permitted to express itself in excessive trade restrictions;
- (2) non-discrimination in international and commercial relations must be the rule so that international trade may grow and prosper;
- (3) raw materials and supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination;
- (4) international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples;
- (5) institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they will aid essential enterprises and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.

MOSCOW REPORT

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not beforehand consent to qualify Tokyo and Chungking was doomed to failure. The question of recognition of Chiang Kai-shek could not be the subject of mediation. Likewise, China mediation could not concern itself with Japanese willingness or unwillingness to forswear her southward push.

"There can be no trading of the rights of China against the rights in the South Seas. China is sovereign in reality as well as in law, and Japanese willingness to forego her march southward cannot be used as a trading point for additional rights in China. The issues are separate. China's rights are established on her willingness and ability to fight for them, and mediation cannot trade such rights away. Only controversial issues can be mediated, not fundamental rights to exist and be a sovereign States."

FELL FROM A.R.P. SHELTER

As a result of a fall from the roof of an A.R.P. Shelter near Tai Nam Street, a 12-year-old boy named Chan Siu-lan, of 323 Tai Nam Street, ground floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital on Sunday suffering from head injuries. According to a Police report the boy died this morning at 5.30 a.m.

GREEK ISLANDS FORTIFIED

ANKARA, May 18 (Reuters).—It is reliably reported that the Germans are reinforcing the garrisons of Chios and Mytilene (Greek Islands facing the Turkish coast).

War Weapons Week Success

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—Two days after it was launched, London's huge "War Weapons Week"—in which 62 boroughs are seeking £100,000,000—is already an assured success.

Although no definite figures were available to-night, official indications were that the aim would be surpassed.

Memorial Service For Lieut.-Gen. Hsieh

A memorial service for the late Lieut.-General Hsieh Ching-yuan, Commander of the famous Chinese "Lone Battalion" during the Shanghai war of 1937 who was killed last month by four members of the battalion in the internment camp in Shanghai, was held yesterday by Chinese public organizations and schools at the Hongkong-Kowloon Teachers Union.

Letter To Roosevelt
The campaign to mobilize 100,000 Chinese youths in Hongkong to sign a letter to President Roosevelt thanking him for the nation-wide "China Week" drive started in the United States yesterday is making satisfactory results.

Captured Quislings Problem

The capture of ten Norwegian Quislings in the raid on the Lofoten Islands raises a legal problem which is to be discussed by British and Norwegian lawyers.

Are they to be treated as ordinary prisoners of war, or as traitors to their country? If as traitors, should they be dealt with under British or Norwegian law?

The Norwegian Government is established in London, and has sovereign powers, but it is doubtful whether these go so far as to give the right to deal with traitors.

As the Quislings are not British citizens, and their acts were carried out in a foreign country, it is considered they are unlikely to be tried for treachery under British law, which carries the death penalty.

Norwegian law as it stands has no death penalty for civil crimes. It is almost certain the men will be regarded as ordinary prisoners of war and kept in internment.

No Cracker Firing In Singapore

The noise of exploding crackers can easily be mistaken for the sound of rifle fire or even of gun fire. Moreover, the noise of cracker firing can be used as a cover for the advance of troops and has been so used on more than one occasion during the wars of recent years in the Far East.

It is, therefore, necessary in wartime—or even, maybe, during a state of emergency when there is a possibility of invasion or air raids—to prohibit the firing of crackers and other fireworks and an order made under the Defence Regulations by the Governor will shortly be published in the Straits Settlements Gazette.

This order will not come into force immediately but only on a day to be notified in the Gazette. The purchase of fireworks will also be prohibited if the order comes into force. Similar orders will be made in the Federated and Unfederated Malay States and will be published in the Gazettes.

Java Buys In Britain

Sea Power Factor
The confidence of Britain's Dutch allies in her ability to deliver cargoes in East Asia despite the present uneasiness in the Pacific is shown by the order for 10,000,000 yards of cambrics which has been placed in—Manchester—on—behalf—of Java.

This is the second big order from the Dutch East Indies since the Netherlands entered the war. The first, for 22,000,000 yards, was given last autumn.

The new contract was negotiated through the Cotton Board, who have been closely watching trade developments in Java during recent months. As a result of this observation British suppliers have captured a considerable volume of trade from Japan.

Raider Joined Our Convoy

That the raider which attacked a British convoy in the Atlantic recently was a vessel of mercantile type and not a warship is suggested by survivors' stories from Madeira.

The British flag, actually joined the convoy, steamed with it for four hours and then, suddenly increasing speed, began firing on the other vessels.

After a few moments of surprise the convoy ships returned the fire, and scored at least one hit.

LATE NEWS

Enemy Loses 50 Aeroplanes

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ported in an R.A.F. communique, which states that on the night of May 16-17, British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done.

A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target.

Derna and Gazala were also raided. At Derna, explosions, one of which was particularly violent, took place among the buildings south of the harbour.

Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gazala, which was bombed and machine-gunned.

British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmitts near Sollum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and on the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others were damaged. A petrol dump was blown up.

Shot Down Over Suez

Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area last night but no damage or casualties resulted to service property or personnel. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire and another was shot down by our fighters.

Aerodromes in Greece occupied by the Germans were heavily attacked during the night of May 16-17. British bombers caused a number of fires at Argos and also at Menidi, where violent explosions occurred at the north end of the aerodrome. Four aircraft on the ground were destroyed at Maloti, where direct hits were obtained on the runway and hangars, and incendiary bombs fell among the dispersed aircraft, causing considerable damage.

These bombing attacks were followed at dawn by attacks by British fighters which machine-gunned the aerodromes at Hassani, Argos and Maloti.

Gunned On Ground
At Hassani, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit and a number of Messerschmitts and Heinkels were also attacked.

At Argos, similar attacks were carried out against enemy aircraft on the aerodrome. Two of them were set on fire and others were damaged. Enemy aircraft at Maloti made excellent targets for our aircraft and many hits were observed.

When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmitts and damaged others.

Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others.

Japan Promises Ships As Raiders

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from Noumen, New Caledonia (Free French), just one clipper hop from New Zealand; and from Haiphong, northern port of French Indo-China (ostensibly Vichy-controlled French colony in Asia).

Japanese Watch
Noumen, in the South Pacific, is in the general region in which some of the Nazi commerce raiders have been operating. One of the world's largest nickel-producing centres, Noumen has large Japanese interests located nearby and is protected only by a handful of French and native troops and a couple of small French gun-boats. Japan would like to own this ore-rich island, supposed to be Nazi-promised in return for raiding, when the Hitler pay-off comes—if ever.

In what some people still call the "French fleet of the far east" there are said to be two light cruisers, about ten submarines, twelve destroyers of a very old class, and the rest small craft and gunboats.

It is obvious what the addition of only one ship of each type would mean to the commander of the eight Nazi raiders now operating in the Indian Ocean and extreme South Pacific.

German pressure is said to have been put on the Japanese admiralty to permit the "unobserved seizure" of some of these ships by German crews supposed to be in French Indo-China. These crews, some members of which have told that they came across Russia by rail, are to be augmented by crews that were in German commercial ships in Japanese ports when the war broke.

Petain Says No
The British and Dutch in the Netherlands Indies have not been asleep all during this Japanese-Indo-China affair. They have urged caution on the French in making an open fight against overwhelming Japanese forces, realizing that all Japan wanted and needed was a little "opposition" to take over all of Indo-China in name as well as in fact.

The British and Dutch have been doing everything in their power to keep French Indo-China open to the world. There have been several plans to accept the small French fleet at Singapore or Surabaya, or to absorb it between the two naval bases when the French were ready to move. If any of the ships have been transferred it has been kept very quiet.

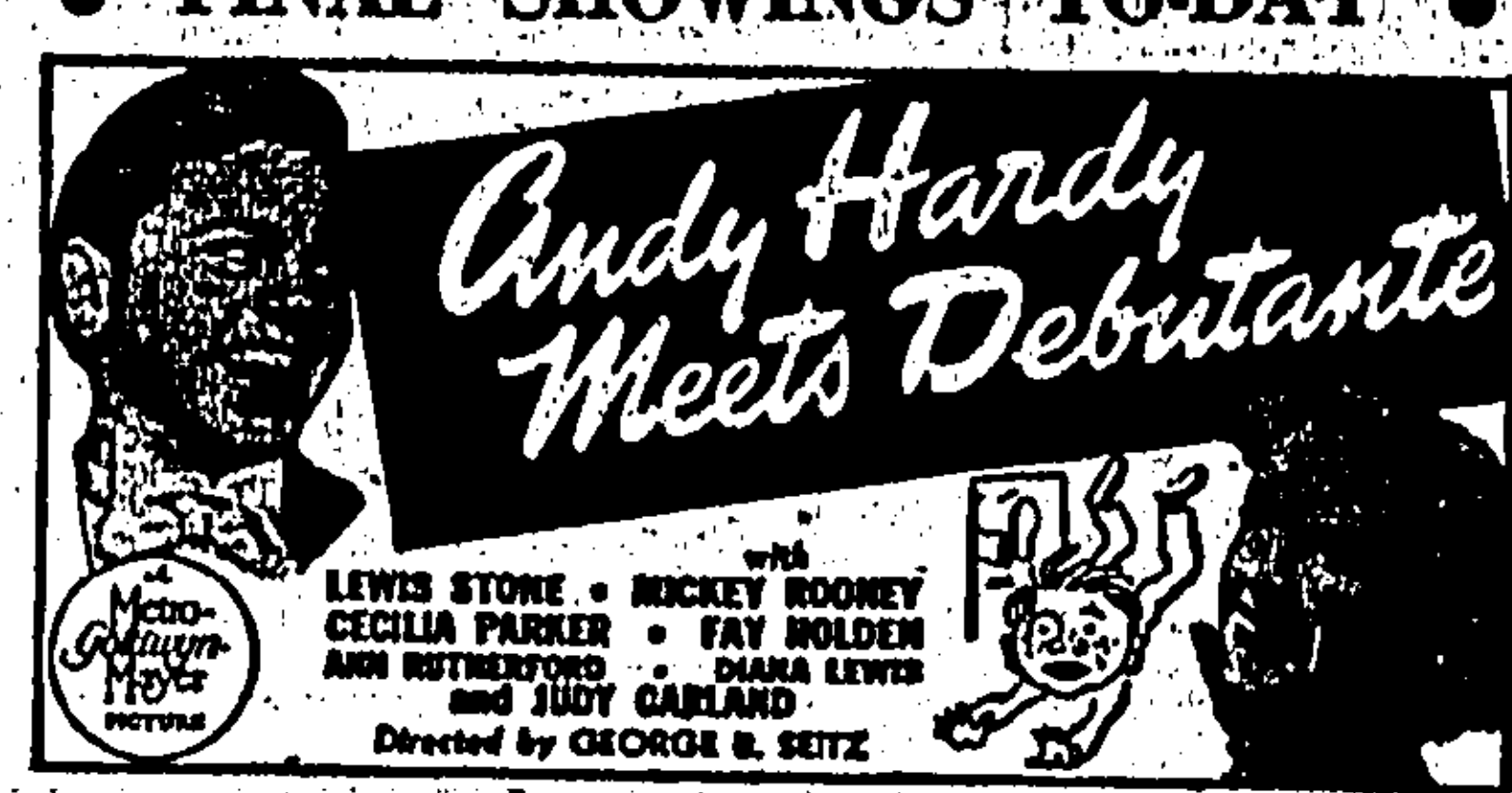
LOITERING ON STAIRS

Lai Ping, 27, and Lo Wah, 31, both unemployed, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's court on a charge of loitering in the staircase at 200 Prince Edward Road, top floor, the residence of Sgt. R. Roberts, on May 17. First Defendant had nine previous convictions, and is still under Police supervision. The second man had ten previous convictions.

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Knife Menace To Nazis In Paris

Reporting that the sale of large-size knives has been banned by the prefecture of police, a message from the Paris correspondent of the "New York Times" seems to hint that a modern version of the Apache is making life unpleasant for the Nazis.

"The police gave no official explanation of the knife curb," he says, "but since no news of any knife crimes have been reported in Paris for many months it is supposed that there has lately been a wave of such Foucaux capitulated, and issued the felonies about which the police have famous statement pledging loyalty to Vichy."

Nazis Jailed Son, Blackmail Father

It was disclosed recently that when M. Gabriel Puaux, former High Commissioner for Syria, announced last June that he intended to resist Germany with the support of General Eugène Mithouard, the Nazis arrested his son, who was then in occupied France, and took him to a Vienna prison camp.

They then informed his father that he had better reconsider his decision for many months it is supposed that there has lately been a wave of such Foucaux capitulated, and issued the felonies about which the police have famous statement pledging loyalty to Vichy.

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